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RESCUED THE GUNS

Report That Gen. Buller Called for Volunteers

To Retake Guns at Midnight From Where They Were Abandoned—More of the Battle of Tugela River—War Department Denounced

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Durban, Natal, dated Saturday, December 16, says it is rumored that General Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns which were uninjured.

HOW BULLER WAS DUPED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Further accounts of the Tugela river battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were intrenched along a series of low lying hills, immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers also were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clearer that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing that the latter out-ranged the British ordnance, which in spite of numerical superiority, was wholly inadequate to reply to the long range Boer guns.

The British war office comes in for scathing denunciation from the Times today for not providing effective artillery. It is pointed out in this connected that the longer range naval guns participating in the Tugela river attack, escaped.

There was no news this morning to enlighten the general situation. The war office reported that Gen. French Monday December 18, after shelling Jasfontein farm, three miles eastward of the Boer position, the New Zealanders advanced and occupied the farm. The Boer guns then opened and advanced to the attack, so General French ordered a retirement.

MORE OF TUGELA RIVER BATTLE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns that General Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a dispatch to the Associated Press, from Durban, sent on the evening of the battle, and which has just been received here, the guns remained where they were left by the British troops and were covered by the heavy guns of General Hildyard's brigade, occupying an intrenched position. The dispatch adds that the Boers have not thus far attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns.

Advices to the Associated Press from Pretoria under the same date, says than an official Boer dispatch reports that two guns, thirteen wagons and a quantity of ammunition were captured besides 208 prisoners.

HE ADMITS DEFEAT

Mabini Member of the Filipino Cabinet Talks

Says All Now Depends on Kind of Government the U. S. Establishes—Bad News From Cuba

By Associated Press to The Sun.

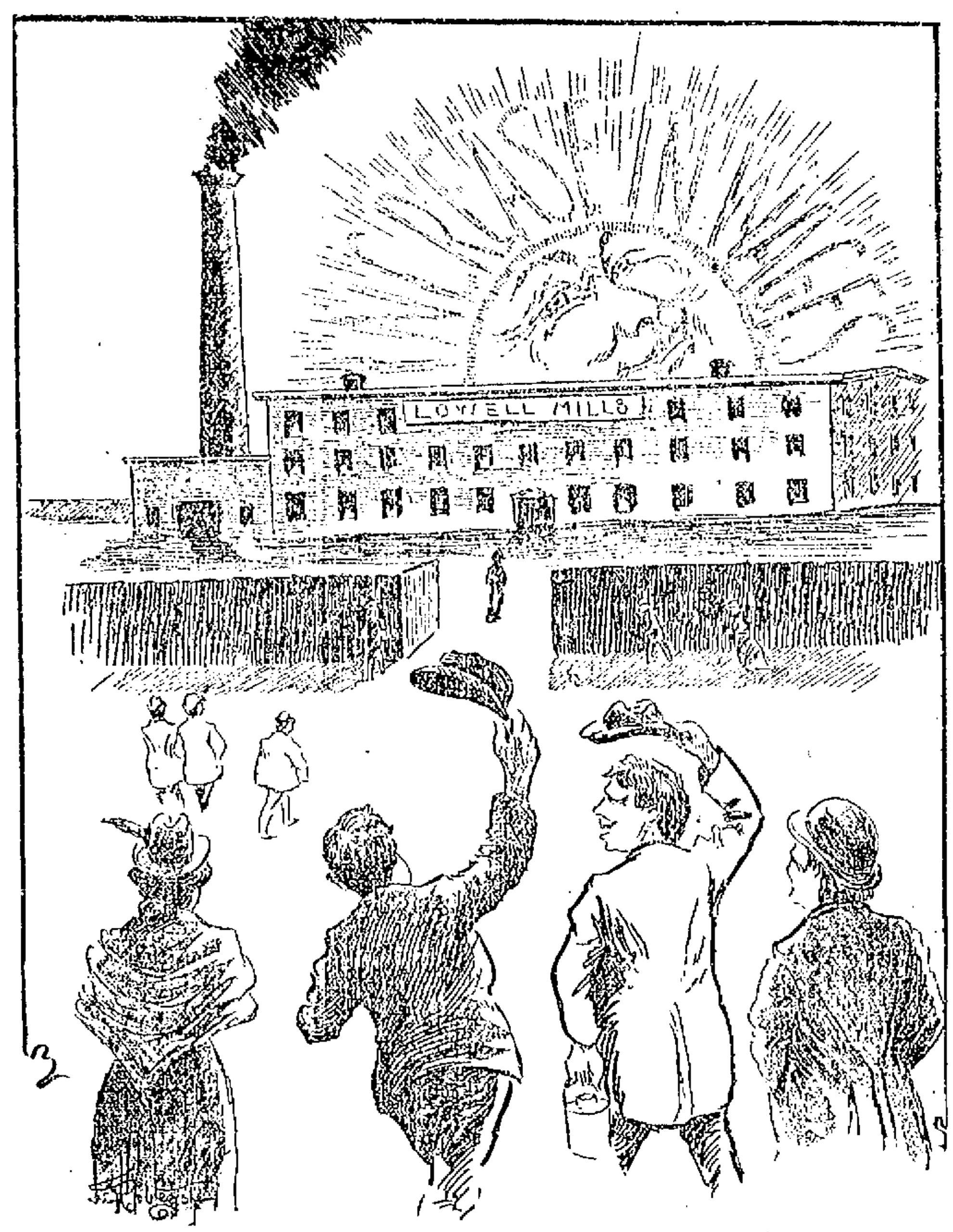
MANILA, Dec. 20.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered the strongest and brainiest follower of the insurrection, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press at Manila yesterday:

"The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the Americans establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions of war and mismanaged our affairs. But the spirit of independence is craving for recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, secure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no trouble. If it is otherwise, the people will be dissatisfied and will materially and mentally sympathize and aid in the revolutionary movement which will surely occur sooner or later. Without the people's support, such a movement is impossible. Everything depends on what the Americans do. The guerrilla warfare will be easily terminated if the people do not support it, which they will not do if they are satisfied. If otherwise, it is possible to prolong it indefinitely. I believe the Filipino people should be consulted as to the nature and details of the government to be established. If the war results in the recognition of our desires rights and necessities as a people to be governed, it will not have been in vain."

Mabini spoke unofficially, expressing his own opinions.

The Panay insurgents are being driven out of the islands by General Hughes and are passing to Negros, where they are creating trouble. Two hundred recent arrivals there from Panay ambushed Lieut. A. C. Ledyard, with a party of 15 men of the 6th infantry. It was in this fight that Lieut. Ledyard was killed, falling in the second volley.

Col. Smith, governor of Negros Island has been obliged to arrest several prominent natives on charges of conspiracy. The native municipal constabulary in three towns recently mutinied and went into the mountains, but the native soldiery are reported loyal.



A WELCOME SIGHT FOR THE MILL OPERATIVES OF LOWELL.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Magurie Stabbing Case Settled in Court Today

THE DEFENDANT DID NOT STAB BROTHER

Latter Said He Fell on Tobacco Knife

The case of George F. Maguire charged with stabbing his brother, John Maguire, was tried in the police court before Judge Hadley this morning. The case had been continued many times, the alleged victim having been confined to St. John's hospital since the day the assault is alleged to have been committed, Sunday, November 12th. The defendant had previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery and was defended by D. J. Donahue, Esq.

The first and principal witness heard for the government was John Maguire, the alleged victim. He said that on the day he was stabbed he was in his house in a court off Church street. Three children of the witness and his brother, the defendant, were also tere. Witness was under the influence of liquor, he said, and remembers that he was very angry and said many unpleasant things to his brother. Witness had a knife in his hand and was cutting some tobacco. He was sitting on the bed and remembered getting up and starting to go to another room where his brother was. In some way, he did not know just how, he got tripped and fell forward. He held the knife in the right hand and when he struck the flood the knife was under him and the blade of the same stuck into his body in the left side. When the wound was inflicted, witness screamed for help and said his brother and others in the house at the time rushed to his assistance. His father thought he had been stabbed and ran out of the house in search of an officer. He found Officer Holland and brought him to the house. He told the officer his son had been stabbed. Witness denied that anybody stabbed him. He said the wound was inflicted by his falling on the knife as he already told.

There was no cross-examination.

Dr. George L. Black, house physician at St. John's hospital, testified as to the nature of Maguire's wound. He said it might have been caused by a tobacco knife. The doctor said that Mr. Maguire is now out of danger.

Inspector Lalamme was the last witness heard. He was present with Inspector Allen when the latter arrested the defendant. The latter said that the defendant claimed that he and his brother had a little quarrel at the dinner table and John chased him with a fork. He tripped and fell on the fork and in this way the wound was inflicted.

There were two other witnesses yet to be heard for the government but at this point, Deputy Moffatt stated that as their evidence would throw no light on the case, he asked that the case be closed, saying that he did not think there was evidence enough to find probable cause.

Lawyer Donahue, counsel for the defence, had nothing to say.

The court ordered the defendant found not guilty and discharged. He has been committed to jail since November 12th, the day of the alleged stabbing.

The case of Frank Riley, charged with larceny from Abraham Stein, a second hand clothing dealer on Middlesex street, was continued till Friday next for trial. The defendant was held in $200. He secured bail.

John J. Moriarty had a high old time for himself yesterday but the ending was most disastrous to him. He came up from Lawrence armed with a 32-calibre revolver in search of a man named Peter Bowles, who boarded at 85 Suffolk street, and who, Moriarty claimed owed him a small amount of money. Bowles and Moriarty had lived together in Lawrence for some time, but Monday they had a quarrel and separated. Moriarty heard that Bowles came to Lowell and was stopping at 85 Suffolk street and he was determined to follow him.

The house referred to on Suffolk street is occupied by one Mrs. Fleming. She was there with her little daughter when Moriarty called early last night. He asked if Bowles was there. When told he wasn't, he called Mrs. Fleming a liar and then drew a revolver from his hip pocket and said he would shoot Bowles if he found him. He went through every room in the house, flashing the revolver in all directions. The woman and her young daughter were greatly frightened especially after they had been told by Moriarty that the pistol was loaded and they were afraid he might shoot one of tehm. Moriarty at length left the house, but said he would return and added that if he found Bowles he would surely kill him. When he went out, the little girl notified Officer Redmond Welch who located Moriarty and finding him under the influence of liquor and the revolver on his person, placed him under arrest.

The court imposed a fine of $5 for drunkenness and ordered Moriarty in $100 to keep the peace for six months.

BOTH CLAIM HER

Lowell Man Married to a Supposed Widow

BUT HER FIRST HUSBAND TURNED UP

And the Lowell Man "Loses"

Louis Gosslin of 7 Rankin court and Arthur Lamontagne both claim one woman as their wife, says the Lawrence Sun.

The woman is question is residing with Gosslin at present and has been since Was Alma Guilliette and she was married to Gosslin at Nashua, N. H., ten years ago and soon afterwards they moved to this city.

Sometime afterwards they separated, Gosslin going to Canada, and his wife back to Nashua. She later heard that her husband was very sick in Canada and this report was followed by a story to the effect that he had died. She became convinced that he was dead and then married Lamontagne. Gosslin was not dead, however, and returned to this city, only to find his wife living with another man. Lamontagne removed to Lowell with the woman and last June they were located there by Gosslin and he had them arrested. They were placed on probation in the superior court and then the woman came here to live with Gosslin. They have lived happily together since.

Monday, however, Lamontagne came down from Lowell and made things unpleasant. He wanted the woman to leave Gosslin and accompany him to Lowell. He threatened her with arrest if she didn't. She became frightened and sent for her husband who was at work. When he arrived, he ordered Lamontagne out, and threatened to have him arrested if he put in his appearance again. Gosslin has reported the case to the police who will show Lamontagne what is what if he causes any further trouble.

The woman says she wants to live with Gosslin and cares nothing for Lamontagne.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

ARM REBROKEN.

Jack Moffatt, the Chicago man who broke his arm while boxing George Gardner of Lowell last week, had to have the arm rebroken and reset at Chicago Monday, as it was imperfectly set at New York.

WILL ADVANCE WAGES.

The Faulkner Manufacturing company of North Billerica will also advance the wages of their employes, like the Talbot mills, and the employes are pleased with the arrangements. The increase will take effect January 1st.

FELL INTO CANAL

John Mack Aged 4 Has a Narrow Escape

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT CADY'S FACTORY

Operative's Toe Crushed in Lawrence Mill

This morning about 11 o'clock a youngster named John Mack, aged 4 years, while playing on the Market street bridge near Dutton, fell into the canal. He went down a couple of times, but a man who would not give his name finally succeeded in fishing him out. The ambulance was called but it was found that he was all right though very wet. The ambulance took the boy to its stable on Broadway where the attaches are trying to locate his parents.

CHEEK RIPPED OPEN.

Howard Maybury, an employe of Cady's shop in Western avenue, met with a painful accident while at work this morning. A belt hook caught in his cheek and ripped open the flesh two inches in length. He was removed to the Lowell hospital and afterward to his home.

HIS TOE CRUSHED.

While Joseph Carroll of Perkins street was doing some work in the Lawrence mills this morning, a huge weight fell on his feet almost severing one of the toes. He was taken to St. John's hospital and later to his home.

DEATHS

FINNEGAN—The many friends and acquaintances of William A. Finnegan will be pained to hear of his demise, which occurred early this morning at St. John's hospital. His death will be felt more on account of the short time he was sick. He was taken ill a week ago Sunday with symptoms of typhoid fever, which afterwards proved to be appendicitis, and was removed to St. John's hospital. His illness was of such a short duration that many of his acquaintances knew nothing about it until the sad news of his death reached them. Deceased was an honest, upright and highly respected young man, having a great number of friends and he was popular with all who came in contact with him. Deceased was born in this city and educated in the public schools. Shortly after leaving school he entered the employ of The Lowell Sun in the job department, and it was with much sorrow that his old shopmates heard the sad news. After leaving The Sun he entered the Merrimack Print Works, where he was working up to the time of his illness. He was also an usher in Music hall, and many of its patrons will miss his smiling face. Deceased was the son of James W. Finnegan, the well-known employe of the Merrimack Print Works, and Lizzie J. Finnegan. He was 18 years of age and is survived by a father and mother, two brothers, John A. and Frank, and one sister, Gertrude. The body was taken to his home, 122 Prince street, by Undertaker Molloy this morning. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

SPORDEAS—Vaseleos Spordeas aged 19 years, died yesterday at the Lowell hospital.

CLARK—Flora G. Clark, aged 39 years, widow of George A. Clark, died this morning at her home, 4 Crane avenue.

DALY—Joanna Daly, aged 92 years, died this morning at her late home, 26 Butterfield street. She is survived by three sons, Dr. James, John and Cornelius, the well-known Suffolk street druggist, and two daughters, Joanna E. M. Daly of this city and Mrs. Thos. Shanahan of Lawrence. The funeral will take place Friday morning from her home on Butterfield street at 8.30 o'clock. Interment will be in Lawrence.

PLIMPTON—Edward B. Plimpton, aged 78 years, died yesterday at his late residence, 6 Favor street. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of Oberlin Lodge and held many offices and was also a member of Monomake Encampment, and was at one time past grand master of the state. He was for a long period a foreman for Ameso Pratt, lumber dealer. He was also in politics, having served in both branches of the city council, and at one time he was a candidate for mayor.

NISON—Augustus G. Nison, aged 21 years, son of Frederick and Mary Nison, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 332 Lincoln street.

PLANTE—Rose Plante, wife of Joseph Plante, aged 25 years, died yesterday at her home in Tyngsboro.

PICHE—Lydia Piche, infant child of Lucien and Marie Piche, died yesterday at the home of her parents, nine Crawford avenue.

RAHALL—Rose Rahall, aged 77 years, died last night at her late home 546 Rogers street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

FUNERALS.

EMERSON—Impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of Rufus F. Emerson, at his late home in Chelmsford. Rev. C. E. Fisher of the First Universalist church, being the officiating clergyman. Mr. Edward E. Adams of this city sang appropriate selections. The bearers were Perley P. Perham, Edward F. Parker, S. W. Parkhurst, and J. Adams Bartlett. Interment was in the Chelmsford Centre cemetery under the direction of Undertaker Walter Perham.

SICARD—The funeral of Alexander Sicard, child of Napoleon and Emeline Sicard, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his parents, 7 Clinton avenue. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Archambault.

CURLEY—Yesterday morning the funeral of Mrs. Mary Curley, wife of Thomas Curley, took place from her late home, 72 Gates street, South Boston, at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan officiating. The remains were forwarded to this city where the interment took place. The bearers were Henry Gunning, Edward Riley, Gustave Fiedel and William White. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery this city, under the direction off Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

GOMPERS AGAIN

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF LABOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

IRON WORKS

WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACT GOES UNDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 19.—Harry A. Parr was appointed receiver for the Columbian Iron works and dry dock company late yesterday afternoon.

The receiver was appointed by consent. In the petition it is alleged that the company's obligations aggregate between [illegible] and [illegible], including about $72,- [illegible] in notes held by banks and indorsed by former Mayor William P. Malster, the president of the company; by Christian Devries, the president of the Chas. A. Vogeler company, which assigned today, and by Mr. Parr. The company is insolvent, it is stated, and has no available cash.

In the answer of the company it is stated that it has a large claim against the federal government for work done by it in constructing vessels and that if sufficient time is allowed to finish its work under existing contracts, it will be able to pay all its obligations.

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LAWRENCE MEN

Organize to Help the Boers to Victory

WITH MEN, MONEY AND ARMS

Other Meetings to be Held Later on

TWO ORGANIZATIONS OFFER MEN

To Volunteer for Service With the Boers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 20.—Representatives of the leading Irish societies met last night to take steps toward assisting the Boers in their war with England.

Ex-Mayor John Breen presided, and a dozen societies were represented, including three divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Councilman Edward C. Callahan was elected secretary, and C. J. Casey, president.

The meeting was a secret one, but the presiding officer said afterwards that the societies represented would do everything in their power to help the Boers, not alone financially, but with arms and men if necessary.

He said the movement was in sympathy with one which extends over the entire country. Another meeting will be held Friday evening, at which leaders in the movement from western cities will be present.

The presiding officer further said that a military company will be formed from the present Grattan Guards and Hibernian Rifles, to be used for such purposes as the organization may direct.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

MAN KILLED

STRUCK BY A TIMBER AT NORTH CAMBRIDGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Nazer Forquin, 41, of Saville street, North Cambridge, who has been employed as a foreman by [illegible] Soule & Son, Dorchester for 20 years while at work on a new building on Pemberton square, yesterday was struck by a piece of timber, badly fracturing his skull. He was removed to the Emergency hospital, where his skull was trepanned. Late yesterday afternoon he died at the hospital as a result of his injuries, never having regained consciousness.

At the same time, William McKay, 31, of 50 Chelsea street, East Boston, a carpenter, employed at the same place, was struck by the end of the same plank, sustaining a lacerated wound of the scalp, necessitating ten stitches. Both men were brought to the hospital in the same ambulance.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

ALTAR BOYS' BANQUET.

Rev. Michael Ronan, pastor of St. Peter's church, will give a banquet to the altar boys of that church Wednesday evening, Dec. 27, in the hall [illegible] Gorham street. A vocal and musical program is now being arranged by the altar boys.

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Change anything he doesn't like.

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GEN. LAWTON KILLED

He Intended to Capture San Mateo

He Had a Good War Record and Was a Brave Fighter—He Had Been Complimented by Pres. McKinley

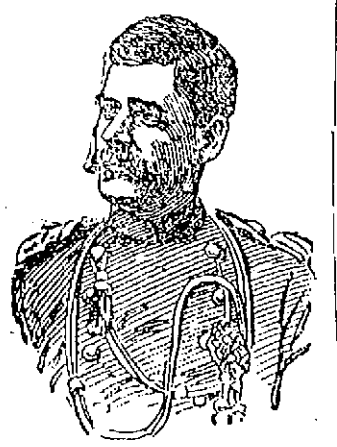
THE DEATH OF GENERAL LAWTON, MENTION OF WHICH IS MADE ON PAGE THREE OF THE SUN, REMOVES ONE OF THE LEADING AMERICAN GENERALS IN THE PHILIPPINE CAMPAIGN. THE DISPATCHES STATE THAT GENERAL LAWTON STARTED FROM MANILA LAST NIGHT WITH CAVALRY, UNDER CAPT. LOCKETT, AND BATTALIONS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH AND TWENTY-SEVENTH INFANTRY, UNDER LIEUT.-COL. SARGENT, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CAPTURING SAN MATEO, WHERE GERONOMO WAS SAID TO HAVE 300 INSURGENTS.

GREAT FIGHTER

LAWTON HAD SERVED IN THE UNION ARMY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—General Lawton was known as a good fighter and a soldier of experience and ability. He served in the Union army throughout the war, having entered the service as sergeant of Co. E, 9th Indiana Volunteer Infantry in April, 1861. He was successively promoted through



MAJOR-GENERAL HENRY W. LAWTON, U. S. A., Shot and Killed At San Mateo.

merit on the field of battle to first lieutenant of the Thirtieth Indiana Infantry in August, 1861; to captain in May, 1862, and to lieutenant-colonel in November, 1864. In March, 1865, he was brevetted colonel for gallant and meritorious service during the war. He entered the regular establishment in July in 1866, as second lieutenant of the Forty-first Infantry, colored, and remained with that branch of the army until January, 1871, when he was transferred to the Fourth cavalry, with which he remained until September, 1888, when he was appointed inspector-general, with the rank of major. Later, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant-colonel and held that rank until the opening of the war with Spain, when President McKinley appointed him brigadier-general of volunteers and assigned him to the command of a division of the Fifth Army Corps. In July, 1898, he was chosen for the important duty of opening the military operations against the Spaniards by capture of El Caney and the interception of the Spanish reinforcements nearing Santiago de Cuba. He sailed for the Philippines on the transport Grant January 19, 1899.

On General Lawton's arrival at Manila he relieved General Anderson in command of the regular troops. He captured Santa Cruz, near Manila, April 13. This place, which was a Filipino stronghold, fell into the hands of Gen. Lawton's expedition after some sharp fighting which formed one of the most interesting battles of the war. Gen. Lawton and his staff accompanied the troops, some times leading charges in Indian fighting tactics, which eventually resulted in the complete rout of the rebels. The general's next hard fighting took place in his attack on San Rafael where the American troop were met with a heavy fire from a large number of rebels who were concealed in the jungle on all sides. Only the adoption by General Lawton of the tactics followed in Indian fighting in the United States, every man for himself, saved the division from great loss. As usual, Gen. Lawton was at the head of his line with his staff.

After the capture of Isidro by General Lawton, President McKinley sent him the following dispatch:

"To Otis, Manila:

Convey to General Lawton and the gallant men of his command my congratulations upon the successful operations during the past month, resulting in the capture this morning of San Isidro.

WM. McKINLEY.

The above dispatch was dated from Hot Spring, Iowa, May 17, 1899.

San Isidro was then the insurgent capital.

It was announced June 1, that General Lawton had been placed in command of the defence of Manila, and that the troops formed in five around the city. Early in October General Lawton was engaged in dispersing the insurgents and cutting off communication maintained between Bacoor and Imus, by means of the road between those places. He was successful in clearing the country of the Filipinos and was several times under fire, especially while riding up the road to Imus. He then pushed northward, captured a number of towns and drove the insurgents everywhere before him.

General Lawton and General Young arrived at Vigan October 19 with a force of about 3,000 men. He next made his headquarters at Cabanatuan and took a most active part in dispersing the insurgent bands in different parts of the country.

About the middle of November, the whereabouts of Generals Lawton and Young, on account of the rapidity of their movements, became almost as mysterious as that of Aguinaldo. General Lawton's troops suffered considerable hardships in this series of energetic movements, many of the men dropping out sick and being left at various towns. Many of the general's horses were dying and many of the soldiers, and even some of the officers were described as marching ahead half naked, their clothes being torn to pieces getting through the jungles. General Lawton was at Tayug December 1, his troops having recently captured large quantities of insurgent supplies. Later he returned to Manila and started December 18, to capture San Mateo, where he was shot and killed.

LAWTON'S DEATH

CAUSED SORROW AMONG CABINET MEMBERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the war department had received no word of General Lawton's death except that conveyed in the Associated Press dispatch which was immediately given to the war officials. The president's first intimation of the loss of this brave officer was also given him by the Associated Press. The dispatch was sent to the White House while the cabinet meeting was in progress and it was immediately sent in to the cabinet room, where it was received with expressions of profound sorrow and regret. It was learned at the war department that instructions had been received last night from the president to prepare General Lawton's commission as a brigadier-general in the regular army to fill one of the existing vacancies, and the adjutant-general's clerks were at work on the commission when the information of General Lawton's death was conveyed to the department. General Lawton was a native of Indiana.

U. S. SOLDIERS KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Nov. 21. (Via San Francisco) Dec. 19.—Belated mail reports have reached Manila of an expedition on the island of Cebu last month by a small force of American soldiers of the Sixth infantry, which was repulsed by insurgents mainly through the desertion of native allies upon whom the Americans depended. Two of the Americans were killed, and two wounded, and in the force of native police accompanying them one was killed and four wounded. No official report of the affair has reached General Otis and consequently the censor refused to permit the incident to be cabled, but the correspondent of the Associated Press has obtained an account from a thoroughly reliable source.

The Sixth infantry men killed were Daniel E. Adams, Company A, Charles Coley, Company A.

Wounded—Wm. Stowell, Company A, through chest, Bert Hutchinson, Co. C, through hips.

The American commander at headquarters in the town of Cebu received information that a force of insurgents had occupied the village of Mauibaul, on the west coast of the island, that they were levying heavy taxes and taking food and horses and that the villagers would be glad to have them driven away.

Captain Walker took a detachment of ten soldiers aboard the steam launch Powerful on October 14th and proceeded along the coast, stopping at the towns of Naga and Carul, where ten men were added to the force from each garrison. At the latter town 100 native policemen, who were friendly to the Americans were mustered into service by their captain, Senor Mejia. These natives were armed with spears and bolos and had but a few guns. On the evening of the 15th, the Powerful reached Mauibaul and her passengers were landed with difficulty through a rough sea. The insurgents had retreated to the hills, so the forces camped for the night. Early in the morning they were on the march. The company C detachment acted as advance guard and the natives brought up the rear. For three miles they advanced along a narrow road with the sea on one side and high cliffs on the other. Finally, they were compelled to enter a rocky pass, approaching it across a bridge so narrow that they were compelled to march two abreast. Just as they entered the pass there was a great explosion almost in their faces and they were covered by a shower of soft earth. The insurgents had prepared a gunpowder mine to annihilate the party, but the soil and the rocks were so powdery that the Americans suffered no injuries beyond bruises.

The explosion was followed by a brief but exciting experience. Immediately after the report the Filipinos hidden in the cliffs opened fire. Two Americans and five natives fell at the first volley, which came from very short range. The commander of the police was hit in the hand and a pair of gold glasses which he carried were shattered. The police were thrown into confusion and after a moment's hesitation they fell back and began to run, leaving the few Americans to bear the attack. This the men of the Sixth did bravely. They rallied in order, carrying their dead and wounded and returning the insurgent fire with such effect that 18 of the enemy were killed. The party returned to Mauibaul and recrossed to Cebu, where they arrived the following day with their dead and wounded. The conduct of the native police found some excuse in their poor equipment.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate: Navy: Captain G. W. Melville, to be engineer in chief and chief of the bureau of steam engineering in the department of the navy with rank of rear admiral. Postmasters: In Massachusetts, Agnes J. Smith, Stockbridge; G. H. Seymour, Monson; G. L. Minott, Gardner.

"To Avoid Great Faults, Beware of Small Ones."

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THE STOCK MARKET

More Confidence Felt in Boston Financial Circles

Several More Banking Firms Reported in Difficulty—The Situation in London and New York

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Confidence in financial circles in this city was apparently restored yesterday by the united efforts during Sunday of bankers and brokers, only to be again shaken by the failures in New York, so that last night while the entire situation is not particularly alarming, it is still grave enough to cause considerable apprehension.

The local stock market quickly followed New York in the stock decline, but the slump did not bring with it any failures among local brokers, that is, none had been announced up to the closing of the stock exchange.

To be sure, copper stocks, the decline of which is now acknowledged to have been the primary cause of much trouble in this city, through heavy speculation, experienced a further contraction and there is some apprehension tonight as to the outcome tomorrow.

The offer of the clearing house association to assist any solvent bank in temporary straights probably did much to ease matters here today and coupled with it came the report of a satisfactory showing on the part of both the banks in difficulty, the Globe and the Broadway, and also from the assignee of J. P. Squire and company, the failed pork packers.

It is understood, however, that the affairs of all the banks which hold loans in copper stocks and other securities which have shown sharp declines, are being thoroughly investigated and if any are found in a particularly bad state, they will be closed.

It was reported tonight that the clearing house committe had already printed and signed a large number of clearing house certificates in anticipation of a call for them tomorrow, although it is not believed that any bank will make application unless the money market becomes more stringent.

As for the Broadway bank it was confidently asserted that the doors of the institution would be swung open in three or four days.

Regarding the affairs of Squire and company, Henry A. Wyman, the expert accountant of the assignee, stated tonight that not a single attachment of any sort had been filed against the company, which shows the attitude of the creditors, while on the other hand numerous offers of assistance had been received from the west and hogs are being received daily with only the condition that the accounting be strictly kept. Mr. Wyman does not anticipate any additional failures.

Receiver Wing of the Broadway bank in an interview tonight said that after a hard day's investigation he was very much pleased with the showing made of the bank's securities which have so far come under examination. The bank officials represented matters very much worse than they now seem to be and every discovery made today has been in the bank's favor. This does not include, however, any of the Squire paper, every dollar of which when made whole, will be reckoned a clear gain. Everything is being done to secure the necessary assistance to an immediate resumption for it must be immediate if at all. There is a strong possibility of success. The progress tomorrow will be watched with great interest as the result will probably have much to do with the strengthening of the financial situation in this city.

VIOLENT SPECULATIVE CONFLICT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WALL STREET, 10.10 a. m.—The first quotations on the New York stock exchange today showed a speculative conflict. The activity of the market was at a furiously boiling point and immense buying orders were distributed with a view to the support of prices. The opening showed some very wide gains in consequence, extending from 1 to 5 points in a number of important specialties, including Tennessee coal, sugar, leather pfd., continental tobacco, and Metropolitan Street Railway and of 1 to 3 points in Stassland railroad stocks, the most conspicuous gains being in New York Central, St. Paul, Kansas Southern, Rock Island and Union Pacific. These advances were met, however, with a flood of selling orders which quickly drove prices downwards. Sugar, St. Paul, Continental tobacco, Metropolitan and Union Pacific fell back from 1 to 4 points. A number of important stocks fell at the opening, including Federal steel, tobacco, Pennsylvania and Missouri Pacific, which showed losses from 1 to 2 points. Violent irregularity was evident in Brooklyn transit, which vibrated within a range of about 3 points below last night's level. Tobacco rallied 1 points from its opening loss, but yielded again. A rebounding tendency became general after the first few minutes of trading.

WALL STREET, 11 a. m.—Speculation was very feverish, but there was an undertone of strength manifest throughout the dividend paying railroads. The downward rush after the high opening forced prices down anywhere from 2 to 4 points. Metropolitan Street Railway leading. Good buying then appeared and prices bounded upward. American Tobacco recovering 2. There were many conspicuously weak points, industrial specialties lacking support and giving way frequently. In the minor railroad stocks, special groups forced steadily downward, notably the southwesterns and the bituminous coal shares. Hocking alley fell sagged 2 1-2. At 11 o'clock the market, generally speaking, the international and grangers were fairly well held, while the industrial shares except for a few of the high priced leaders were being hammered energetically.

At noon—Some of the points of weakness in the second hour were the Coalers, which dropped 1 to 2 1-2 points, Louisville 1, Norfolk and Western pfd. 1 3-4, a group of the iron and steel stocks including Federal Steel, American Hoop, Smelting and National Steel 1 to 2 1-2, Missouri Pacific 3 and People's Gas 4 1-2. Toward noon it became known that the clearing house banks had agreed to provide an additional $10,000,000 to lend at the market rate and the whole stock market surged upward to above the opening level. The rally extended to from 1 to 6 1-2 points. The changes in bonds were exceedingly irregular, the demand advancing prices sharply at some points while at others weakness was shown.

BROKERS EXCITED.

Wall Street Special: The brokers on the stock exchange were in a state of wild excitement today and the turmoil as the signal sounded for the opening was indescribable. Some very heavy orders were executed at the start for both buying and selling accounts. The course of the market ebbed and flowed many times in the first hour and became wildly irregular at times, prices mounting buoyantly at some points while breaking anew at others. Those who had set themselves the task of supporting the market evidently had their hands full and had to absorb a seemingly unending stream of offerings of large blocks. They were aided, however, in sustaining prices by investment buying on a large scale which was particularly manifest in the bond department. The buying by bears to cover shorts was also in large volume at times.

The avalanche of selling orders was so steadily absorbed that the standard railroad stocks began to afford a point of resistance to decline. Early in the second hour there appeared an appreciable decrease in activity and the pressure was no longer so severe.

The extensive buying movement culminated shortly before 1 o'clock. Prices in the meantime had risen materially above the noon level and averaged well above last night's close. Dullness then set in and there was some realizing in the high priced industrials, but railways were relatively well held.

BANK SITUATION

APPEARS TO GROW MORE SETTLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The National bank situation seems to grow more settled daily. Today a banker who is intimately acquainted with the whole matter, said:

"The Boston banks are all right now. Such troubles as have occurred did not come to banking men as a surprise for they all know which banks were weak, and it was on this knowledge that the Clearing House association acted. Now that there are props all along the line, which can be instantly available, if needed, there is no occasion for worry."

Up to noon no clearing house certificates had been applied for.

Bank Examiner Wing, temporary receiver of the Broadway National bank, said today that the books are in first rate shape and that he would let the public know the situation as soon as a definite statement could be made. It is said that an effort is being made to interest new men in the bank and that in event of this plan being successful, the depositors will receive their money at an early date and the institution re-opened.

SUBSCRIBED $10,000,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the clearing house committee today, a second subscription of $10,000,000 was made up for lending in the stock market.

MINING STOCKS

HELPED TO BRING TROUBLE TO DILLAWAY & STARR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The firm of Dillaway & Starr, which assigned this morning, have not made a statement of the amount of assets and liabilities. They have assigned to E. C. Hovey of Boston.

The firm is said to have, with two other firms, carried a large quantity of Failed States mining stock. The temporary embarrassment of the Globe National bank and the subsequent flurry in the stock market hastened the assignment.

Shortly after the opening of the market this forenoon a notice was placed on the door that the firm had assigned and the public business was suspended pending an examination of the firm's accounts. The New York correspondents of the firm were E. L. Oppenheim & Co., but the house is said to have been carrying a very small New York account of late.

A BANK FAILURE

Directors Claim Was Caused by Libellous Assertions

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The failure of the London and Northern bank, limited, a comparatively small concern, was announced today. The directors issued a statement attributing the failure to alleged libellous assertions regarding the bank which have appeared in the press. The directors say the assets should fully cover the liabilities.

The failure of the bank and the rise in the German rate of discount and interest the latter from 4 to 5 per cent, did not appear to have any serious effect on the stock market here. The general feeling on the street was that conditions were better.

This was no little due to the impression, gained from private advices, that an arrangement had been reached in New York over night to support that market and prevent a recurrence of yesterday's panic.

It is hardly thought that the rise in the German discount rate will cause a corresponding increase of the English bank rate. While news from the seat of war is awaited with persons apprehension, one of the largest operators engaged to a representative of the Associated Press the belief that the feeling this morning was stronger and that unless very bad news come from the front there were no signs pointing to a further panic

FACULTY'S DECREE

PUNISHMENT OF AMHERST SOPHS. DECIDED UPON.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

AMHERST, Dec. 19.—At chapel yesterday morning President Harris of Amherst college announced the decision of the faculty in regard to the punishment the sophomores must undergo for their riotous behavior in Springfield last Wednesday.

He said that as it was impossible to expel any two or three men for what the whole class did and as suspending the whole class would only give them a vacation and would be more of a pleasure than a punishment, the faculty had agreed that a suspension of several men as representatives of the class would be the only thing left.

The sophomores picked out were not to be regarded as the ringleaders, but only as representative men of the class.

He stated that the faculty had agreed to leave the length of the time of suspension to the president and he would announce this later.

Four men are to be suspended from the beginning of next term, but their names and the time of suspension are not given.

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PEOPLE PUZZLED

Chelsea Mayor Calls Chief of Police to Hearing

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—What is it all about? What is the mayor aiming at? These are questions which have been freely asked about Chelsea the past few days in connection with the notice sent Chief of Police William P. Drury Thursday afternoon by Mayor Seth J. Littlefield, requesting the head of the police to appear at city hall at a hearing to be granted him last night.

Up to last evening the mayor and Chief Drury had both refused to say what the hearing was about.

It was known that the chief was called to city hall under section 5 of chapter 517 of the acts of 1896, which says that no veteran holding office in the public service can be removed before being granted a hearing by the mayor of the city or selectmen of a town. The section also gives the veteran the right to employ counsel.

The hearing took place at 8 o'clock in the mayor's office and was a star chamber affair. Chief Drury was represented by D. Frank Kimball, and the mayor had City Solicitor Louis L. G. De Rochemont present. The four men were closeted for just one hour, during which time the city messenger and the night watchman at city hall guarded all approaches to the mayor's office.

After the hearing all four men were seen but declined to say anything of what transpired at the so-called hearing, beyond saying that no charge of any character had been preferred by the mayor against the chief.

It is known that the hearing consisted of a general talk relative to the work of the police department for the past year. The mayor asked questions which Chief Drury answered to the best of his ability. This talk lasted just an hour after which the mayor said he would investigate some of the statements of the chief and would call a second meeting when he had completed his investigation.

He assigned no date for his second "talk." The matters talked over were of a trivial character and not of any great importance.

The fact that Mayor Littlefield is to go out of office so soon, coupled with his recent action in calling this hearing, has made no little gossip among the men of the city. Many assert that if Mayor Littlefield is trying to depose Chief Drury he has chosen a bad time for his action, because of its coming at this late hour of his two years' administration.

GOEBEL'S NOTICE

Will be Served on Taylor Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—A special from Frankfort, Ky., says it is announced by the Goebel managers that the service of notice enumerating the grounds of contest on which the seats of Governor Taylor and Lieut.-Gov. Marshall will be made by Goebel and Peckham, have been prepared and may be served on Gov. Taylor and Lt.-Gov. Marshall today. The grounds of contest are said to be alleged intimidation by troops; use of tissue ballots, force by injunction, etc.

MOTION DENIED

MRS. WOODBURY CANNOT AMEND HER DECLARATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Judge Fessenden in the superior equity court today denied the motion of lawyer Francis Peabody, representing Mrs. Josephine Woodbury, to amend petitioners declaration of charges alleging libel on the part of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy. The motion was denied on the ground urged by counsel for Mrs. Eddy, that contempt proceedings against Mrs. Eddy have not been finished. The case will be called in January without the usual seven days notice.

47TH AT SINGAPORE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SINGAPORE, Dec. 19.—The U. S. troopship Thomas, with the 47th volunteer infantry on board, has arrived here.

NEW POSTMASTER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Fourth class postmaster appointed today: In Rhode Island, Norwood, Henry S. Boylong.

HE DROPPED DEAD

Aged Man Expired on Railroad Street

An aged man named Thompson, living at 71 Railroad street, dropped dead on the steps of his house yesterday afternoon. Death is believed to have been caused by heart failure.

Thomas Flynn, an employe of the pauper department, it appears, was delivering a load of wood at Thompson's house on Railroad street. Thompson was inside and when he saw Flynn coming he came outside and told him where to put the wood. He remained on the steps. Flynn noticed the old man fall suddenly and rushed to his assistance, thinking it might have been only a faint. Picking him up, he carried the aged man into the house. Not until then was it noticed that he was dead. He had expired on the steps. Medical Examiner Irish has been notified and he will hold an autopsy.

WANT HIS SCALP

Chicago Aldermen are After Supt. Andrews

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Public advocacy of Great Britain's side in the South African war by Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews, superintendent of the public schools in Chicago, was the cause of resolutions being introduced in the city council last night calling for his resignation or his immediate suspension and removal from his position by the board of education should he ignore an invitation to step down. The head of the public schools was subjected to a heated denunciation by Alderman Fullerton the mover of the resolutions. The resolutions were referred to the committee on schools.

OFFICERS ARRIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 19.—The transport City of Rio de Janeiro, has arrived from Manila with several officers on leave and a number of sick and discharged soldiers. Patrick Fleary, 35th infantry, died on the outward voyage and the following soldiers invalided home, died on the way from Manila:

Fred A. Walker, Co. D, 9th infantry; Hamilton P. Markland, discharged sergeant, Battery D, 5th artillery; John Bender, sergeant, Co. B, 9th infantry, and James C. Gardner, Corporal Co. B, 3rd infantry.

Eight insane men were brought home. They are: W. A. O'Neill, P. K. Mulner, G. W. Decker, D. E. Young, G. M. Barton, Joseph Hoffman, L. Ford and F. Thayer.

The sick number 78 non-commissioned officers and men, most of whom are suffering from dysentery, though some were wounded in battle. They will be transferred to the military hospital at the Presidio after the transport, which was placed in quarantine today, has been docked.

FIGHT THE LEASE

More Opposition to Fitchburg Road Lease

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The Boston Advertiser today says that in addition to the opposition of many democrats in the legislature to the proposed lease of the Boston & Albany railroad to the New York Central Co., a new factor is looming up in the opposition of the interests representing the Fitchburg railroad, which, it is said, are evidently not satisfied with the outlook. "The State directors of the Fitchburg road," the Advertiser says, "are plainly making ready to fight the lease on general grounds, as affecting the policies and conditions of Massachusetts and on special arguments as affecting the investments and the welfare of a Massachusetts railroad. The state directors of the Fitchburg railroad are J. R. Leeson of Newton, and James Renfrew and C. P. Plunkett of Adams. These gentlemen are interested as representing the state's investments in the Hoosac Tunnel, and also as being directors in a road of which about 30 per cent. of the securities are owned by New England men.

The Advertiser says that these directors will oppose the lease of the Albany as there is a feeling in the western part of the state that more traffic than ever would be diverted to the Albany road, the Fitchburg in the past having suffered through the traffic arrangements between the Albany and the New York Central.

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THE CAR SERVICE

Extended at Last to Centralville Hill

Much Discussion as to the Location of Its Track—Veteran Policemen to be Pensioned Off on Half Pay—Salary Committee Appointed—Telephone Hearing

The board of aldermen held a busy session at city hall last evening at which several interesting hearings took place.

The session opened with the petition of the Lowell and Suburban street railroad company for an extension of its tracks from Bridge street through Third, Beech and Beacon to Methuen streets.

Daniel M. Richardson appeared for the company in asking that the petition be granted. There was a general desire, he said, for car accommodations on Centralville Heights. The route selected was the one deemed most advisable. It was expected that any route would meet with some remonstrance.

Mayor Crowley read a remonstrance to the location of tracks through Third street, signed by residents of that street.

John J. Harvey appeared in behalf of the remonstrants who had signed the paper. Third street, he said was the main thoroughfare to Centralville heights. It was thickly populated, and the plowing of the snow in the winter would make it very inconvenient. The Centralville people had understood that First street would be the route selected, and residents of the hill had raised a large sum of money, by agreement with the railroad to have the tracks extended from First street, through a strip of land owned by L. A. Derby, 8 Beech street. He believed that the road should be held to its promise originally made. There were no remonstrants to the petition for a line of cars to Centralville heights. The only question was as to the route. If that by way of First street should be selected, he had been informed that it would cost $600 less than by Third street. It had been intimated to him that the Third street route had been selected because of opposition that it was known existed, and because the company did not care to really furnish car service to the hill.

Mr. Richardson asked whether Mr. Harvey's clients would rather have no tracks than have them in Third street.

Mr. Harvey replied that they proposed to hold the railroad to its agreement.

"Do you know for a fact that there was such an agreement?"

"I am informed by competent parties that there was such an agreement."

"I am authorized by Mr. Sullivan to say that there was no agreement," said Mr. Richardson. "If money was raised by Centralville people, it was done without the connivance of the railroad."

Mr. Harvey asked Alderman Derby whether the company had not made some agreement as to his land.

Alderman Derby said that he was in a rather peculiar position. Two years before he had decided to sell his house and land in First street. Two parties had looked at the property and he had given a written agreement to Harry W. Shaw at his request to sell his property at the same price within a certain time to Mr. Shaw if the railroad wished to extend its line through it. "I do not know on what authority he asked me to sign the agreement," he continued. "It prevented me from selling my property, but I kept my agreement. I do not know how much money was subscribed. It was stated [illegible] that it was proposed to run through my land, since the Stimson street grade was too steep. I did not get this from the company."

Mr. Richardson referring to the previous railway hearing, asked whether the complaints made by the petitioners at that time had not been remedied.

Mayor Crowley replied by reading the following report of the special committee of the aldermen:

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 19, '99.

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lowell:

The special committee from this board appointed November 7, 1899 to confer with the management of the Lowell & Suburban street railway company, have attended to the duty assigned to them and beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee has, naturally, given most particular attention to those matters complained of by the petitioners at the hearing given them by the board on November 5th, but all other complaints to which its attention was called at that time, and since, by different citizens, have also been given attention.

We called upon the management of the street railway immediately after our appointment and were assured by Manager Woodman and the former general manager, Mr. Sullivan, that it was the intention of the company to give the people of Lowell satisfactory services in every way possible, and they indicated a desire to ascertain the facts regarding all of the complaints and assured us that no effort would be spared to accommodate the people.

We have waited a considerable time before presenting our report, in order that ample opportunity might be given for carrying into effect the changes promised and, as far as your committee can discern, everything promised by the railway management has been done.

The service on the Bridge street line has been improved, so that now there is a 15-minute car schedule from the square all day and from noon until 9 p. m. an additional car from the square to 12th street every 15 minutes, thus giving the people of Centralville practically seven and one-half minute service the busier hours of the day. The First street line, which had been entirely suspended has been restored. The route of the proposed line over the hill and through Beech street in Centralville, has been decided upon as far as the company is concerned, and a hearing upon petition for location is to be given by this board. A few other changes,—on the North Chelmsford, Lawrence street, and some other lines, —have also been made, all of which, we think, work to the better accommodation of the people.

Your committee is much gratified with the cheerfulness with which the railway company has made these improvements, and believes that in the future it will only be necessary to call the attention of the street railway management to any defects in order to have them promptly remedied wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

JAMES F. MISKELLA,
GEORGE H. TAYLOR,
LUCIUS A. DERBY.

Manager Woodman produced plans to illustrate his contention that the First street route was impracticable. This was true of Stimson street or private land. The grade of the curves made the extension impracticable.

Charles H. Burtt said that the only and proper route was up Third street to Fremont and then across Beacon street. That would accommodate the people on the hill in the best manner. Any remonstrance to Third street was against the city's best interests. Mr. Woodman replied that the grade between Beach and Fremont streets is not a safe one.

Edward D. McVey talked at length in criticism of the company's methods. He said he didn't get a nickel's worth of ride when there were 67 persons on a street car. He objected to the Centralville extension on the ground that the company might want to increase its capital stock.

William D. Brown spoke briefly, after which the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor the resolution granting the petition was referred to the city solicitor for an amendment providing that the rails that are to be laid shall be groove rails.

An order was adopted for the appointment of a committee on salaries. Aldermen Dimon and Derby were named as members of the committee.

Alderman Dimon brought up the matter of the report of the committee on fire department made earlier in the year recommending the purchase of property in Middle street adjoining the Central fire station for the housing of the water tower, and he introduced a joint order borrowing $14,000 for the purpose. It was passed, 7 to 1. Mr. Chaplin voted in the negative.

"If it wasn't after election," said the mayor, "I would be charged with calling a high tax rate.

Upon motion of Alderman Libby, the resolution for the paving of Westford street from Loring to Stevens street was taken from the table and referred to the committee on streets.

PENSION POLICE OFFICERS.

Alderman Derby introduced a petition with many signers asking for the retirement of veteran policemen on half pay, accompanied by an order for the adoption of Chapter 378 of the Acts of 1893.

Alderman Derby spoke in favor of the order which bore his name. The city cared for its sick firemen, he said, and the act referred to would pension policemen 65 years old, who had been in the service at least 15 years and policemen injured permanently in the discharge of their duty. They would go upon half pay. There was one man living in Lowell today he said who had been retired from the force because of old age and left poor. There were one or two men now on the force too old to perform their duty and if they could be retired on half pay, one man could do their work. Police officers were deprived of many of the rights of business men. They could not take life insurance except by the payment of heavy rates.

Alderman Dimon spoke in favor of the order and said that he supposed that the money would come from the department appropriation.

Mayor Crowley said that he knew the veteran police officer referred to. He had been a faithful servant, but there was another side to the question of pensions. "An employe of the city," he said, "was two years ago ordered, while at work on a sewer to see why a blast had not exploded. As he approached the spot, the dynamite exploded and a crowbar was hurled against him, tearing his face, from his mouth up, horribly. He lay in the hospital for months, after hovering between life and death, and then when he applied for work he was refused by the superintendent of streets because he was so disfigured that he scared the horses. Finally the present superintendent of streets gave him a few days' work at painting derricks, and I do not know whether he is now at work. Humanity commences with justice done to sewer men as well as to policemen. The poor man is entitled to the same consideration in the sewer as in the blue uniform. The man of whom I speak was a servant of the city, maimed and injured for life. Within twelve months, a man injured in a sewer went to the committee on claims and he was informed that he would be discharged if he pressed his claims.

"The petition tonight has been signed by prominent men. Some of them will talk of high taxes when election time comes near. They will listen to Billingsgate orators abuse the mayor for matters about which, you gentlemen of the board, know he has nothing more to do than the man in the moon."

The order was adopted.

TELEPHONE HEARING.

When the go-as-you-please telephone hearing was declared open and Charles E. Adams boomed his Massachusetts company and Alderman Derby informed him that there was a remonstrance of 4 to 1 against it.

A general discussion followed, in which Mr. McVey, Lawrence Cummings and Alderman Dimon questioned Mr. Adams.

The hearing was then declared closed.

An order was adopted declaring the result of the recent election.

A. W. Burnham asked for a hearing on his petition for improvements in Colonial avenue. Referred to the committee on streets.

A resolution to borrow $10,000 to complete the sewers in Willard and Humphrey streets was introduced. Alderman Dimon said that a ledge had made the extra expense and that every sewer undertaken during the year had been built, excepting the extension of the sewer at Central bridge, which would require heavy expense because of the construction of a coffer dam.

Alderman Taylor said, in reply to an inquiry, that the city's borrowing capacity was nearly $100,000.

The resolution was passed without opposition.

Minor petitions were referred, and monthly reports were placed on file.

The committee on electric wires reported an order instructing the telephone and electric light companies to remove their poles from Andover street, and place their wires under ground.

The pole locations asked by the New England company were granted, with certain conditions. There was some little debate on the amendments, which were introduced by Alderman Dimon. The more important one provided that poles should not extend beyond the outer line of the curbstone.

Adjourned at 11.20 o'clock.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the common council last night a number of routine matters were attended to.

The order for the acceptance of the legislative act relating to the pensioning of policemen was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

The joint order for a loan of $14,000, for a down-town location of the water tower was lost, 17 to 7 which was less than a two-thirds vote. Councilmen Walker, Flanders and Markham were appointed on the salary committee.

Fred A. Buttrick was elected commissioner of sinking funds for a term of three years.

Many of the new councilmen were present and were introduced to the members who will be their associates next year. Many of the candidates for various offices were also present and the result was that the meeting did not open until after 8.30.

Joint orders appropriating $500 for the soldiers' relief department, $400,000 to pay temporary loans and providing for deficiencies in appropriations were adopted in concurrence.

Claims for damages on account of property damage were read from Edward Mooney and Thomas McKay.

A number of monthly reports were ordered on file.

A recess was taken from 8.55 until 10.15 during which there was a wait for business from the board of aldermen.

Then the order accepting chapter 378 of the acts of 1892 relating to the pensioning of policemen was adopted in concurrence. The petition that accompanied it was ordered on file.

The $14,000 loan for the housing of the water tower down town was then defeated, 17 to 7. Councilman Mulhaney moved a reconsideration of the vote to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Then the committee on salaries was appointed as above stated. With Councilmen Walker and Markham Councilman Lebrun was first appointed but he declined and Councilman Flanders was chosen in his place.

Councilman Mulhaney moved to proceed to the election of a sinking fund commissioner for the term of three years.

This motion came as a surprise to many of the members as there was an absence of definite knowledge as to when the election should occur.

Councilman Markham believed that a democrat should have a place on the board and mentioned Geo. M. Harrigan as a good man for the place. Councilman Badger believed that in Charles L. Knapp the democrats have a representative on the board. Councilman Mulhaney did not think that Indicated that Mr. Knapp is a democrat.

The motion of Councilman Mulhaney eventually passed and the result gave Fred A. Buttrick 12, Frederick Buttrick 1, George M. Harrigan 16, and four absent. Councilman Stafford voted for Frederick Buttrick and started to correct it but several of the democrats objected to it and the change was not made. Mr. Buttrick had enough votes without that one.

He was declared elected on the part of the council and then the meeting adjourned.

HOUGH'S STORY

of the Death of His Rival

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

He Hears His Version Repeated by a Witness

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 20.—Joseph Alonzo Hough, who is on trial for the murder of Harry Chadwick by choking him to death and throwing his body into the river, is a sick man. He has nervous dyspepsia. For two hours yesterday afternoon he sat with his head resting in his hand or leaned upon both hands as if utterly exhausted and dejected.

Yet the little man might well have felt cheerful, for all the testimony thus far has gone to show that he never threatened Harry Chadwick, his rival in the affections of May Smith, and there was never any indication of jealousy between the two men.

J. Tyler Smith, May Smith's father, in whose house Hough boarded, told one fact upon which the prosecution laid stress as going to prove premeditation on Hough's part. Mr. Smith said that when Hough left the parlor at 9 o'clock Sunday night to go to bed he was wearing his best suit of clothes. When Mr. Smith was called to Hough's room at 2.30 a. m., the latter wore an old working suit which the witness had not seen for weeks.

Louis J. Smith, May's brother, told of finding footprints in the road which looked as if there had been a scuffle, then of finding the ground torn up in a potato patch near by, as if there had been a hard fight in that place.

The prisoner's counsel made much of this, for it corroborates Hough's statement of how the killing took place.

May Smith was composed while her brother was testifying, but when a green and white checked cuff with a stain of dark rusty red on its edge was held up and Louis Smith identified it as Chadwick's, the girl raised her handkerchief to her eyes, and her shoulders quivered as if she forced back the sobs. Hough did not look at the red-stained relic but turned and regarded the clock.

Alden C. D. Smith, May's elder brother testified that on Sunday afternoon, July 16, Hough spent two hours at his house. The witness spoke of carrying a revolver and said May had urged Harry to carry one.

"Doesn't he carry one?" Hough asked, and the witness answered "No."

Smith told of Hough's admission that he had killed Chadwick. "I asked: 'What did you do to Harry?' He said, 'Oh, I choked him.' Then the witness declared the prisoner told him the following story:

"I waited by the ice house until I saw the light of Harry's wheel coming. Then I ran out to scare him. Harry ran at me with a razor. I ran away and fell down and Harry grabbed me by the throat. I choked Harry till he stopped. I put my ear down by his heart and couldn't hear it beat. Then I was scared. I took Harry and his bicycle down to the river and tied them together and threw them in. I got my bicycle and went home. I calculated I'd have to die anyhow, so I reached into my drawer and got my razor, but I didn't have strength enough to cut myself and fell over on the bed."

Dr. Fred Sumner Smith testified that he found Hough covered with blood and there was evidence that he had been bleeding a long time from a gash five inches long in his right cheek. The cut was made with a sharp instrument, evidently in an upward blow. Chadwick was shorter than Hough, so that it would be natural for him to strike upward. He was left-handed, and the blow would land on Hough's right cheek.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of the Burkes' Temperance Institute was held last evening in their hall on Middle street. Nine new members were admitted and ten propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing six months will be elected at the next meeting. Two committees were appointed to bring in recommendations. Committee No. 1 is made up of Messrs. James Whim, Thomas Nugent and Joseph Halligan; committee No. 2, Messrs. Edward McNally, Edward O'Brien and John Devlin. It was voted to open the whist tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and as there are numerous contestants a good tournament is assured. Arrangements were completed for the complimentary dance which will take place Friday, December 29.

An enthusiastic and well attended meeting was held by the Lowell Reform club last evening and a committee was appointed to secure another hall or release their present quarters.

The society is making rapid strides in its membership list and all members are working for its success. The old members are always out in force. Two candidates were initiated and several propositions were received. The club proposes to hold public meetings on Sunday evenings as is their usual custom and will engage prominent speakers to speak at them. A committee was appointed to make full arrangements for meetings and look after speakers. At the next meeting officers will be nominated and elected for the ensuing term and all members are requested to be present.

At the regular meeting of Court Samuel de Champlain, Foresters of America, last evening, the election of officers took place. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Evariste Bertrand; subchief ranger, Joseph Boudreau; treasurer, Paul Vigeant; financial secretary, A. N. Houlain; recording secretary, Henry Chaput; senior woodward, William Gauthier; junior woodward, Alfred St. Amand; senior beadle, Phillias Pomerleau; junior beadle, Euclide Moubleau; trustee, Philippe Bourque; captain, Hubert Gregoire; physician, Dr. L. V. Bachelle.

Mt. Zion lodge, I. O. G. T., held its regular meeting last evening and a large number of members were present notwithstanding the attraction on the street during Christmas week. An enjoyable feed of the order followed. Sister "Roberts" Mountford contributed several vocal selections. Nathaniel A. Howell Jr., gave some clever coon specialties. Frank McLean related amusing anecdotes of how green newspapermen approached him. Secretary Sister Maude Mountford and Chief Templar Thomas H. Hasland also made interesting remarks relative to good templarism.

The regular meeting of Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last evening and transacted their regular business. The members felt grieved at the loss of their brother and companion, Albert B. Pumpton, a popular member who died yesterday at his home on Favor street.

An enjoyable whist party was held last evening by the James A. Garfield Woman's Relief Corps and suitable prizes were given. The following committee was in charge: Mrs. Helen J. Talbot, chairman; Mrs. Annie Cheney, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Ella Blaisdell and Mrs. Emma Spencer.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the New Year's festivities to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere, met last evening and completed arrangements for the festival and it was decided to hold it early in January.

At the meeting of Lowell commandery, Knights of Malta, arrangements were completed for their banquet to be held tonight at Odd Fellows' hall.

The regular meeting of Samuel H. Hines lodge, K. of P., was held last night and one proposition was received. Three candidates were voted in. Officers were nominated.

J. P. Maxfield circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., held their regular meeting last night and arrangements were made for a social and dance to be held in Highland hall, Jan. 17.

Lowell commandery, K. of M., completed arrangements last night for a banquet to be held this afternoon.

Only routine business was transacted at the regular meeting of Lincoln lodge, I. O. O. F. Monday night.

Lexington council, O. U. A. M., held their regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Lyceum held a special meeting last evening to take action on the death of their late brother, Augustus Nelson, whose funeral takes place tomorrow morning from the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock.

The lyceum voted to attend the funeral in a body and all members are requested to assemble at their hall tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock from which place they will march to the late home of their departed brother and take part in the funeral procession.

Michael Farrell was chosen marshal of the day.

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MILL LIFE IN LOWELL.

Editor Sun:
Will you please inform me where I can get any good paper or book upon mill life in Lowell and oblige,

Your Obedient Servant,
A MILL GIRL.

About the only book we know of on the subject of mill life in Lowell or at least the only one that we would recommend is one recently published entitled "Loom and Spindle," treating of mill life in Lowell sixty years ago and comparing the lot of mill operatives then with that of the mill operative of today. As the writer of the book, namely, Harriet A. Robinson, was herself a mill girl in Lowell about sixty years ago, she gives as might be expected a very graphic account of mill life here at that time; but she is partial to the mill girls of her own day in various ways.

While we do not attempt to detract from the high character she has given them, we object to the insinuation that they were so far ahead of the mill girls of today as this writer would lead us to believe. She does not say so openly, but by her lavish praise of the mill girls of her own day and her appeal to the mill girls of the present to imitate their predecessors in the mills in the matter of self improvement she appears to think that the mill girl of the present day is not up to the standard of former times.

On this point we disagree with the writer and hold that the mill girls of today are the equals or superiors of their predecessors of sixty years ago, physically, intellectually and morally.

True they do not publish a paper like the "Lowell Offering," of early mill days in Lowell; they have not a mutual improvement society; but they have their unions, their society of physical and intellectual culture, which go to fill the place of the improvement circles of former days. Now many of the mill girls attend the evening schools, the People's Club as well as lectures and entertainments, all calculated to advance them both socially and intellectually. If Miss Robinson thinks that the mill girls of today are not as virtuous as those of former days, we would point her to the principal churches of Lowell and assure her that these grand edifices raised to the glory of God stand in a great measure as monuments to the piety, the virtue and the religious zeal of Lowell mill girls. Besides, many of our most prominent and successful business and professional men who flourish in our city today are the sons of mothers who spent their early days in the mill.

If the conviction prevails anywhere that the factory girls of Lowell are not as respectable as any other class of women in the city it is wrong and based upon a misconception.

Visitors to our city who come here with a poor opinion of the mill girls have gone away with a full realization of their error, with knowledge gained from personal observation that the Lowell mill girls of today are equal to those of any other period.

When Whittier resided in Lowell in the early forties he described the mill girls in a manner that will apply equally well today, when he said:

"Acres of girlhood, beauty reckoned by the square rod, or miles by long measure: the young, the graceful, the gay—the flowers gathered from a thousand hillsides and green valleys of New England, the fair unveiled nuns of Industry, Sisters of Thrift and are ye not also Sisters of Charity, dispensing comfort and hope and happiness around many a hearthstone of your native hills, making sad faces cheerful, and hallowing age and poverty with the sunshine of your youth and love. Who shall sneer at your calling? Who shall count your vocation otherwise than noble and ennobling?"

In conclusion we would refer the inquirer to City Librarian Chase, who will willingly provide all the published material concerning Lowell and her factories, including of course the very interesting "Lowell Offering," written by former mill girls and containing many contributions from Lucy Larcom the poetess who made Lowell famous in those days.

At the present time the country is getting an object lesson upon the beauties of the gold standard. Never perhaps in the history of the country have such failures occurred on account of the deficiency of the currency. The John P. Squire firm failed, not on account of any liability to meet its just debts, but because of the financial stringency. In this case the assets greatly exceed the liabilities and so it is with the Produce Exchange Trust of New York, which has failed with liabilities of eleven million dollars. If the circulating medium was sufficiently elastic to meet the demands of the increased volume of business, none of these failures would have occurred. It seems very doubtful whether the currency measure now being passed by congress will remedy this defect; but it will leave the matter largely in the hands of the banks and in this way will leave the people at their mercy. You may expect more panics and panics that will be manufactured by the money kings for their own benefit. That is the tendency at the present time.

The people who have been hoping for an early reduction of war taxes will find little comfort in the report of the commissioner of internal revenue. In that official's annual report to the secretary of the treasury, he gives the receipts for the year as $273,484,573, which is an increase over the previous year of $102,617,000. Notwithstanding this enormous increase, Commissioner Wilson urges the amendment of the revenue law, so as to require the stamping of receipts for individual deposits in banks. A citizen cannot even be allowed to draw his money out of the bank for his own use without paying tribute to the war against the Philippines. Still the telegraph companies and the express companies which have derived large benefits from the war, are exempted from the burdens which are placed on the individual citizen.

England has called upon her two greatest butchers, the generals who have been most successful in cutting down the natives of Asia and Africa, and she wants them to perform a similar operation upon the Boers. When they reach the Boer land, they may find a reception similar to that which awaited the other great butcher, General Butler. By simultaneous action the entire British forces in South Africa may succeed eventually in conquering the Transvaal, but as Paul Kruger warned England, it will be at a loss of life and treasure that will stagger humanity.

It is stated that the friends of City Solicitor Qua will attempt to hold him in office by having the office of assistant city solicitor created and filled by a democrat. In this way he could possibly hold the fort against the opposition of Chairman Poore of the republican city committee. It would be a trade with the democrats but we are of the opinion that the democrats would not be a party to such a trade even for the consideration of filling the position.

In regard to small-pox, the local board of health may profit by the experience of Chelsea. That city has been bothered with small pox for a considerable time, and as each case was pronounced cured, the people supposed that no others would follow, but others have followed and the pest has not been fully eradicated thus far. Lowell may have more trouble than she expects in stamping it out.

Today the increase in wages takes effect in the mills. The operatives can use the increase to buy Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS SALE

BEING HELD AT WORTHEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

A Christmas sale is now being held at the Worthen street Baptist church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The fair opened last evening with a good attendance at the supper, which was one of the chief attractions early in the evening. Tonight there will be an entertainment by the children and the fair will open at four o'clock p. m.

An attractive corner of the vestry is the Chinese department which is presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Carr, dressed in Chinese costume. They are ably assisted by two of their faithful Chinese friends, Wong Sing Wing and Chung Fook. The Chinese class in the Worthen Street Sunday school is the pride of the school and they have come forward with the usual generosity of their race, contributing many beautiful and unique decorations to the Chinese table. Other tables are managed by the following chairmen, each with an able corps of assistants.

Domestic table, Mrs. J. P. Ritchie; candy and flowers, Miss Bessie Hudson; handkerchief table, Mrs. Wm. Jarvis; apron table, Mrs. Harry Wilson; fancy work, Mrs. Joseph Barber; lemonade, Mrs. Wm. Jarvis, and the two young ladies who serve, in the costume of Rebekahs, are Misses Sadie Coburn and Myra Reed. The Christian Endeavorers have a soap table, which is looked after by Misses Irene Wyman and Florilla Bean. Mrs. O. A. Dodge was chairman of the supper committee.

There will be no supper tonight but ice cream and cake will be served during the evening and the entertainment will be a special attraction.

ENJOYABLE SMOKE TALK.

It was a very enjoyable smoke talk that the members of the Mercury club of Centralville gave to their friends in their rooms last night. About 100 were in attendance and enjoyed the numerous pipes, as well as the singing and recitations by the following: Messrs. O'Neil, Rourke, Lynch and Drury. Frank Kelly and his graphophone were also there and he received a rising vote of thanks for his part of the entertainment.

ANOTHER COMBINE

SEVERAL STREET RAILWAYS WANT TO UNITE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The railroad commissioners today gave hearings on the plan for the consolidation of the Wakefield & Stoneham street railway with the Mystic Valley, Salem & Wakefield, Woburn & Reading and Reading & Lowell roads; also for the consolidation of the Brockton street railway with the Taunton & Brockton street railway, the Brockton & Bridgewater and the Connecticut roads. There was no opposition.

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The scheme was advertised in The Sun, and as a result the Santa Claus letter box has been worked overtime.

The Sun below prints some of the brightest of the thousands of letters received and sincerely hopes that each little one will get what he or she asks. The letters are as follows:

Santa Claus,
Please call at little pearl's.
PEAT McMAHON,
Andover street.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
I write you these few hoping you with will send me a present for Christmas. Wishing you, dear Santa Claus, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I would like to have a game for christmas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a engine and
Oblige.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 18, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please put in my stocking a pair of rubber boots, some games, little men story book, toy cart, a bugle and all you want to. Put anything, come too,
Good-by.
Wishing you a merry Christmas.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 18, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a book, a dolls hat, a box of writing paper, an ink-stand for my desk, a handkerchief, some hair ribbons,
Yours truly,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 11, 1899.

Dear Santa,
I would be very thankfull if you would send me a magic lantern.
Your child,
Good-by.
Kiss XXXXX

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little boy of four years old and as you are very good for childrens perhaps you will give me what I am going to ask you. I want a good maple lantern as big as you can as many good games as you would like a good engine a few story books and a little book and a fish pond game please with my best thanks for your kindness
Your Truly friend,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus
I want for Christmas, a drum, tool chest, game, printing press, ring, hook, steamer, horse car, horse and team, hook and ladder fire patrol, hood an alley, magic lantern, gun bell, foot ball, ship, fire man's suit, soldier suit, indian suit, I think I will close now Santa that is all I want.
Yours truly,
Answer soon

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these are sisters and one of them lives in the same yard
6 Kinsman st.

Dec. 13, 1899
Lowell, Mass.,

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send a doll some candy a little tea set.
Please send some one of these three.
MARY E. MULLANE

Dear old santa claus
Id like to have a coat for me 1 year old.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll carriage. And a store book. And I what a set of dishes. I want a sled. I want a piano. I want a black board. I want a jump-jack. I want a stove. And a big doll for a Christmas present.
Your loving fried

Dear Santa Claus,—
I would like a nice pair of skates and a nice story book and a good warm pair of gloves.
Good-by till next time
Yours truly.
P. S. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a carriage
And a sled.
And some candy and a set of dishes
And a orange.
And a pair of gloves.
Your friend,

CANSE CONTINUED

SURPRISE IN THE FENN MURDER TRIAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Dec. 20.—A surprise was sprung yesterday at the opening of the trial of Frederick Eastwood, charged with murder of Frank Fenn of Middlebury, on August 14th last, by the presentation of a motion by counsel for the defense that the case be continued until the June term of court, on the ground that evidence had just been discovered tending to show that the prisoner was subject to fits of insanity. Judge Rowell ordered the case continued. In the interim he directed that the defendant be committed to the care of the state insane asylum at Waterbury and that he be carefully watched for evidences of the alleged insanity.

BUST OF FREBBER.

Yesterday afternoon at the Normal school, Miss Anna Devereaux, superintendent of the kindergarten schools, was presented with a bust of Frebber, the originator of the system.

It was an informal affair, the presentation speech being made by Miss Kelly of the school. All the faculty were invited. Lunch was served and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

At the rooms of the Middlesex Woman's club yesterday forenoon there was a musical recital by the class in music who are studying the works of several composers. The subject was "Nevins." The recital was for members only.

WEYBOSSET CLUB.

The Weybosset club held another of its December socials in Highland Hall last evening. About 40 couples danced to music by Excelsior Orchestra, six pieces, Lewis Weller, leader. F. T. Massey had charge of the floor and was assisted by Messrs. Frank Parrot, J. E. Cove, and A. L. Young.

Lowell GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR
A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

DR. WALKER DENTIST

IN CHELMSFORD

Supper by Boys' Lend-a-Hand Society

ENJOYAELE ENTERTAINMENT ALSO GIVEN

Other Interesting News From That Town

The Boys Lend-A-Hand club of the Unitarian society last night proved themselves perfectly capable to act the part of caterers, both in the line of appetite and entertainment.

A good supper was served in the vestry in the early evening, the boys evidently having drawn upon the "home reserves" for their supplies as the English are now doing to continue the war in South Africa. The waiters were Stewart Redman, Percy Redman, Roy Allen, Chester Allen, Lewis Burndrett, Harry Harmon, Fred Tangley, Richard Davis, Dreck Emerson, Alfred Howard. The program of the evening which was well carried out was as follows: Song, chorus, "Old Dog Tray"; cornet solo, Roy Allen; chorus, "My Old New Hampshire Home"; reading, "Dissertation on Roast Pig," Mr. D. H. Fletcher; ocarina solo, Richard Davis; reading, "A Happy Philosopher," Rev. Granville Pierce; chorus, "Uncle Neil"; reading, "The Limitations of Youth," Mr. Pierce; chorus, "Just as the Sun went Down." Mrs. A. M. Warren was the accompanist of the evening. The officers of the club are: President, Alfred Howard; vice-president, Edward Redman; secretary, Louis Burndrett; treasurer, Roy Allen. The committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of Chester Allen, W. H. Redman, Harry Harmon, William Adams, Stanley Cotton and the officers ex-officio, while Superintendent Wm H. Hall of the Sunday school made himself particularly useful in the kitchen.

The boys were quite pleased with the success of their social and so were their guests.

Pursuant to notice a joint session of the selectmen and the school committee was held at the town hall last evening to fill the vacancy in the latter board occasioned by the resignation of Dr. E. H. Chamberlain. J. E. Warren, chairman of the selectmen, presided, and J. A. Parkhurst was secretary. Rev. C. E. Bartlett, pastor of the Central Congregational church, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bartlett is a graduate of Amherst college and both by acquirements and personal characteristics is admirably qualified for the position.

Miss Mary E. Whitford, who has many acquaintances in this village, will spend the winter in the family of Mrs. Julia E. Warren.

At the annual meeting of the Unitarian guild Sunday evening, the following officers were chosen: President, Miss Pearl Dyer; vice-president, Miss Maud Perham; secretary, Miss Belle Adams; treasurer, Thomas Parkhurst.

The Unitarian Sunday school will have its Christmas festival Saturday evening. The children will have the right of way from 5 to 7 with games and light refreshments after which they will give Christmas melodies, and then will come the distribution of gifts. Santa Claus's advance agents will be at the vestry during the afternoon.

A special meeting of the selectmen was held Friday, 15th, in answer to a petition for the widening and straightening of Smith avenue. All the abutters except one, were favorable to the proposition. The decision of the board was reserved.

There will be an auction sale of a great variety of household articles at the "Worthen" house, Little ton street, Saturday afternoon at 1o'clock. J. P. Emerson, auctioneer.

UNION MEETING

OF ROYAL ARCANUMITES AT CENTRALVILLE COUNCIL.

Several councils of the Royal Arcanum in this vicinity held a union meeting last evening with the Centralville council, at their hall in Bridge street. The attendance was not very large, but those members who were present had an evening full of entertainment and instruction. The regent of Centralville council, Charles Robinson, presided, and at 8.15 he called to order and presented Past Grand Regent of Massachusetts A. G. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh spoke only a few minutes on the subject of the Royal Arcanum, its objects and what it does. "The System of the Arcanum," he said, "is simple, and more than any other organization, its affairs are open for inspection of members and the public. We have 190,000 members and expect that it will soon grow to 195,000.

It is open to any white man who can pass the examination.

There is a splendid reserve fund in the hands of the secretary of state for the commonwealth, and beside there is a mortuary fund used only to pay death benefits. The organization pays out $6,000,000 each year and in addition adds to the reserve fund, a provision for the future.

"We contend that the Royal Arcanum is stronger today than ever before, that it is a business organization conducted on business principles and that it is worthy of support. It is a life insurance company, but aside from that the feature about it that I take pride in is the social side, the fraternity of the system of Royal Arcanum. I believe in it. I believe that it is a business organization in that it is a life insurance company and protects its members and their families, and that it enables the members to feel themselves in an organization of brotherhood, of helpfulness."

Mr. Mills played a piano solo and sang and Mr. Albert Bacholder gave a stereopticon lecture on "The Yellowstone Park," which was much enjoyed and appreciated.

MUSIC HALL

A large audience attended the second performance of "Fads & Follies" company at Music Hall last evening as on the opening night. The company is a very good organization, and won hard applause from the audience almost momentarily, the same big hits being made as at the previous performance. The pictures of the Jeffries and Sharkey fight and battle of Manila were very good, the burlesque entitled "Fads & Follies" closed the show with laughter and applause. The company repeat their performance this evening when they make their departure. The High Roller Extravaganza company will hold the boards for the last three nights of this week with Saturday matinee. They are an aggregation of women that is sure to prove a great attraction.

SAVOY THEATRE

Last evening, the little Savoy theatre was crowded to its utmost capacity, the "Standing Room Only" sign had to be put out before the performance started. Theatre parties are getting very popular at this house, and last evening the young ladies in the employ of the Shaw Stocking Co., formed an enjoyable party and judging from the applause and encores given, those present went away delighted.

The performance opens with Burr and Evans, comedy sketch team in banjo playing and popular songs; Frank Clayton, the eccentric comedian, kept the audience in roars of laughter from the time he came on the stage until he went off. Ellsworth & Hart, presenting a comedietta entitled, "Domestic Pets," are very comical and there is a series of complications from beginning to end. The Deagons in a refined novelty comedy sketch also got their share of the applause.

The star attraction of the evening was Wormwold's monkey theatre. The are by far the most intelligent animals that have come to this city, and this turn is well worth the price of admission alone.

The performance shall continue every afternoon at 2.15 and evening at 8.15 o'clock.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. membership committee was held last night. Twenty-eight applicants were admitted to membership. The committee is anxious to reach the 400 mark before February 1st.

Philip T. Begley, superintendent of the Lowell and Suburban street railway, is confined to his home by pneumonia.

Tests Patience

The Most Patient Lowell Citizen Must Show Annoyance at Times.

Nothing spoils a good disposition.
Nothing taxes a man's patience.
Like any itchiness of the skin.
Itching Piles almost drive you crazy.
All day it makes you miserable.
All night it keeps you awake.
Itch. Itch. Itch. With no relief.
Just the same with Eczema.
Can hardly keep from scratching it.
You would do so, but you know it makes it worse.
Such miseries are daily decreasing.
People are learning they can be cured.
Learning the merit of Doan's Ointment.
Plenty of proof that Doan's Ointment will cure Piles, Eczema or any itchiness of the skin.
Read the testimony of a Lowell citizen:
Mr. W. L. Clark of 183 Stackpole street says: "We have used Doan's Ointment in our family and it proved a most valuable preparation for the purposes its use is indicated. I procured it at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and can cordially recommend it to all suffering from eczema or any itching irritation."
Doan's Ointment for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

Remember the . .
WORKINGMEN'S
SHOE and CLOTHING STORE
24 Prescott Street.
Near Street Car Waiting Room. Open evgs.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

USEFUL HINTS for HOLIDAY GIFTS

No clothing or Furnishing Goods House in Massachusetts displays a greater or more exquisite assortment of practical, useful and up-to-date Holiday gifts than the Big Store.

Below we endeavor to give you some assistance in selecting your Christmas Present for husband, brother, sweetheart, relative or friend. We have mentioned a few of the many useful things you can buy at prices much below what you are asked to pay for the same things elsewhere. We are doing a tremendous holiday business simply because at this time, as at other times during the year, we adhere strictly to popular prices.

Best, Sensible, Stylish, Useful Wearables for Men and Boys in Greatest Assortment That's Known Anywhere.

Neckwear, Gloves, Fancy Suspenders

A pretty Tie holds an important place with men and a choice pair of Suspenders is none the less appreciated, while Gloves—well, we hardly need mention the favor they find with men. Our fine showing speaks our readiness to please all tastes, 25c to $2.00. Then there are.

Umbrellas and Mackintoshes.

These are thoughtful gifts. We show a very fine and extensive assortment of Umbrellas for women and men, in all sorts of styles from plain natural handles to heavy sterling silver and gold mounts, fine ivory and horn in more fantastic designs. 48c to $1.00 is the price range. A fine Mackintosh is also a very acceptable present that carries comfort to the receiver. We have a very fine line in all the new styles of make and materials at $4.68 and over.

Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Shirts.

Our assortment of Mufflers is simply grand. A most complete selection of SILK, JAPANETTE and LINEN Handkerchiefs, with initials or plain. Nothing is more useful to a man or accepted with more earnest appreciation than Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, or Shirts, fancy and plain white, embraces a multitude of new and rich patterns, especially selected for holiday trade. Then again, there are SWEATERS, UNDERWEAR, CUFFS AND COLLARS, CUFF BUTTONS, NIGHT SHIRTS, plain and fancy.

Men's and Boys' Caps, Angora Scotch Wool and Worsted Toques and Tams for girls and boys, beach Jackets, fancy Vests, all kinds. Derbys and Fedoras, Jewelry, etc., etc. Any and all the above are useful and sensible gifts, and such as will gladden the heart of the recipient. For the boys, little and big, we have also provided on an equally liberal scale, almost everything mentioned as suitable presents for men. Such a collection of HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE to gratify the desires and satisfy the wants of man and boy was never before assembled under any roof in the city of Lowell.

Phenomenal Success!

The Foremost High-Grade Clothing Sale Ever Planned. It is the Crowning Clothing Event of Our Many Years of Business History.

This sale positively embraces only dependable high-grade Suits and Overcoats. The display embodies all up-to-date styles of perfectly tailored and perfect-fitting attire. Name your fancy. There are 1800 men's and young Men's Suits at $3.98 up to $23.00. 2000 men's and young men's Overcoats at $3.98 up to $18. 800 Boys' Reefers and Top Coats, 73c to $4.98. 1200 Boys' Knee Pant Suits, in single and double breasted, with or without vests, 98c to $4.98. This is the grandest of Christmas opportunities we know of. We guarantee you a saving of over one-third on every purchase.

Lowell One-Price Clothing Coompany, 72 to 86 Merrimack St

FIFTEEN BURIED

Miners Caught in a Cave-in In a Coal Mine

By Associated Press to The Sun.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York & Rosendale Cement works at Rosendale this morning. Fifteen miners are reported to be buried.

It was learned later that all the men escaped. Thousands of tons of rock and dirt caved in, carrying down buildings and machinery.

SLAV AND SAXON

May Fight the War in the Future

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—War between Slav and Saxon, "possibly of ideas, possibly of bayonets and bullets" was predicted for the near future by the Rev. Albert E. Dunning of Boston, editor of the Congregationalist, in a speech before the Chicago Congregational club at the Palmer House last night. The club observed Forefathers' day with a banquet and addresses. Almost five hundred members were present, among them many women. Dr. Dunning in his address said: "My subject is the 'Puritans' Opportunity,' and I received the opportunity to spread the love of man, righteousness and liberty over the world. The conflict between Christianity and heathenism has been fought and won. The war in the future is to be between the different forms of Christianity—Latin, Slavonic and Saxon. We have had little to hope or fear from the Latin. The issue is to be fought out between Slav and Saxon.

"Only a little way in the future must be heard the noise of the conflict between these two. It may be a battle of ideas and it may be a battle of bayonets and bullets. It is sure to come. The Slav is expanding and moving against us. The American Puritan is face to face with him on the east and the English puritan is face to face with him on the south and west. The question of the meeting of these two is the most interesting question in the world. The final struggle cannot be long delayed.

DARING HOLD UP

Man Hit With a Club and Robbed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—A daring hold up occurred on Illinois street in Central Falls, last night about midnight. While on their way home, Israel Laliberte and Philemon Leclaire were attacked by three young men at a lonely spot. The former was hit on the head with a club and his assailant then snatched his watch and chain. The other members of the gang attacked Leclaire, who was relieved of about $90 in bills.

The detention by the police of Richard Randall, resulted in the arrest of Michael Campbell, John Hackett and George Lambert. Hackett was afterwards released and the others, all young men, were held on the charge of highway robbery. They were bound over.

PRINT WORKERS

ARE TO GET AN INCREASE IN WAGES.

Notices have been posted in the Hamilton mills to the effect that the print works operatives are to have an increase. The extent of this increase is not stated. The Merrimack print works operatives will also have an increase to what extent is also unknown, at the present time.

HELD IN $1,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19.—Elmer E. Moody, an ex-car conductor who was under indictment for larceny of jewelry, was arraigned in the district court today, on a charge of forging the name of E. A. Carter to a check for a small amount. He pleaded guilty and was bound over to the grand jury under $1000.

WEAVERS OUT

THEY REFUSE TO START UP THEIR LOOMS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—All the departments of the No. 4 mill of the Lonsdale company started up this morning, with the exception of the weave room where none of the operatives appeared to start the Draper looms. Supt. Pratt stated that the other departments of the mill were all running his forenoon.

A conference will take place at nine o'clock tomorrow between the Goddards and a committee representing the Blackstone valley weavers' association and the National executive council of the American Federation of Textile Workers.

SPANISH STEAMER

PURSUED BY BRITISH CRUISER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The Spanish steamer Ciudad de Cadiz, which has just arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from Cadiz, reports that she was pursued and overhauled last Saturday by a British cruiser which fired guns, compelling her to heave to, interrogated her as to her name and route and then allowed her to proceed.

Mr. Ruben Pratt of Walker street is spending the winter with his son, E. C. Pratt of Huntsville, Ala., who is the representative of the Merrimack Co. of this city. Mr. Pratt is much pleased with the south and already his health is much improved.

Children

in school? Then you have often heard them complain of headache; have frequently noticed how they go about in a listless, indifferent way, haven't you?

Scott's Emulsion

does grand things for such children. It brings a healthy color to their cheeks, strengthens their nerves, and gives them the vigor that belongs to youth. All delicate children should take it.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

SENATOR ALLEN

Took the Oath of Office Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Hon. William V. Allen, the recently appointed senator from Nebraska, was present when the senate convened today and at the conclusion of the reading of the journal, Mr. Thurston, (Neb.), his colleague, presented him at the secretary's desk, where the oath of office was administered. Mr. Allen was cordially greeted by his old colleagues.

The financial bill passed by the House yesterday, was received from the House and with the suggestion of Mr. Aldrich (R. I.) chairman of the finance committee, it was referred to that committee.

Mr. Stewart (Nev.) offered a joint resolution granting the Commercial Cable company the right to lay a cable to Cuba.

Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island reported house bill No. 1, the financial bill, with a substitute. Mr. Aldrich stated this was the majority report of the committee and that he would ask for its consideration on January 4th.

A bill creating a commission of five to revise and codify the pension laws of the United States was passed. The senate then went into executive session.

THE HOUSE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—When the House met today, Mr. Taylor (Ohio), chairman of the special committee to investigate the case of Representative-elect Roberts, offered a resolution for the payment of the expenses incurred by the committee and hereafter to be incurred, out of the contingent fund of the House. Mr. Lentz (Ohio) asked unanimous consent that the committee investigating the Roberts' case be also instructed to investigate the cases of the two Utah postmasters alleged to be guilty of polygamy.

Mr. Sherman of New York objected and the Taylor resolution was adopted.

The speaker announced the appointment of the following committees to participate in preparing arrangements for the unveiling of the statue of Daniel Webster, January 18, 1900.

Messrs. Lovering of Massachusetts, Cousins, Iowa; Clarke, New Hampshire; Cummings, New York; and Gains, Tennessee.

Mr. Payne, chairman of ways and means committee, then presented the resolution for the distribution of the president's message to the various committees having jurisdiction. It was in the usual form. Mr. Payne stated that Mr. Grow, the venerable ex-speaker of the House, desired to address the House for forty minutes upon the resolution, and it was arranged that the democrats should have an equal amount of time if they desired it.

CHAIRMAN PAYNE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The ways and means committee of the house held a short meeting today at which Chairman Payne announced the subcommittees as follows:

Customs, Customs district and Customs Officials—Messrs. Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell, Richardson and Robertson.

Administration of Customs Laws—Russell, Payne, Dolliver, Steele, Swanson, McClellan and Newlands.

Internal Revenue—Dolliver, Steele, Russell, Hopkins, Tawney, McClellan and Cooper (Texas.)

Public debt, the preservation of the public credit and redemption of government notes—Dalzell, McCall, Payne, Richards, and one blank.

Reciprocity and commercial treaties—Hopkins, Dolliver, Tawney, Long, Dalzell, Swanson and Cooper (Tex.)

Revenue from other sources than customs and excises and on miscellaneous subjects—Grosvenor, Russell, Steele, McCall, Long, Robertson and Newlands.

SCHOONER LAUNCHED

FIVE-MASTER LAUNCHED AT CAMDEN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMDEN, Me., Dec. 19.—Dawn ushered in a mild December day. For hours preceding the great event the streets were crowded with strangers, eagerly waiting the signal when the workmen would drive the last wedge, remove the final block and the handsome five-masted schooner, the Jennie French Potter, slide from the ways into the placid waters of Camden harbor amid the cheers of the assembled people, and blasts from whistles all over the village. A large party, including the captain's friends from New Jersey, New York and Boston, witnessed the launch.

OFFICERS ARRIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The following officers arrived from the Philippines on the transport Rio de Janeiro and probably will be landed today, as there is no infectious disease on the vessel and its detention in quarantine will be brief. Major Noble, 24th infantry, on sick leave; Captain French, 16th infantry; Captain A. A. Augur, 24th infantry, Captain Rodgers, 20th infantry, on recruiting duty; Captain Poindexter, medical department, sick leave; Captain Dunning, 18th infantry; recruiting duty; Lieut. P. Schaffer, 13th infantry, sick leave; Lieut. W. A. Lelaber, 23d infantry, recruiting; and Lieuts. Titus, Hexefinger, and Pray, acting assistant surgeons. The transport is to be turned over to its owners the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

BRIBERY CASE DISMISSED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 19.—The supreme court handed down a decision today dismissing the bribery case of Attorney General Monett against the Standard Oil company.

NEW COALING STATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 19.—A board of naval officers have been quietly looking over the environments of Narragansett bay, with a view of making a recommendation for a coaling station. It is probable that a site at Prudence will be recomended.

WEAVERS NOT SATISFIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—The weavers of the Lorraine mills are not satisfied with the new wage schedule which went into effect yesterday and it is probable that trouble will result unless there is a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty. Being obliged to run additional looms under the new system the weavers contend that the alleged increase is actually a reduction. A meeting to discuss the matter was held last evening, but definite action was deferred for a few days.

STATE GRANGE

HOLDING ITS ANNUAL SESSION IN CONCORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 19.—The 26th annual session of the state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, opened here this morning with the largest attendance of delegates ever known in the history of the order. The grange in New Hampshire now numbers over 300 Pomona and subordinate granges, with an aggregate membership of some 28,000.

State Master Hon. N. J. Bachelder presided at today's session, and the morning was given over to routine business connected with the matters of organizing for business.

This afternoon Master Bachelder will present his annual address to be followed by reports of other officers.

EXPERT KINSLEY

Testified in the Molineux Case Again Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The cross-examination of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert, was resumed in the Molineux trial today. In answer to questions asked by Mr. Weeks, the witness said that when a person was copying from writing placed before him the handwriting would be more or less constrained and unnatural. Mr. Kinsley was asked to describe the "everyday" writing of the defendant. He said it was a rapid hand and indicated extreme nervousness on the part of the writer. He said it was a flowing hand with a slight tinge of feminity in it. The hand was erratic, yet indicated a rapid action. It was not a fantastic hand, he said, in any sense of the word.

He said the defendant had peculiar ways of crossing a "t" and yet it was seldom crossed in the same manner. He said later in answer to questions, that every possible way in which "t" could be crossed was used by the defendant.

The witness said he did not place much importance on pen pressure.

Mr. Kinsley was then asked if he had not testified in the case of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, who was convicted some time ago of the murder of Dolly Reynolds and that he then placed great importance on pen pressure and nerve tremor. He said he did not remember, and was asked then if he did not testify in answer to questions that the first and most principal thing he observed in certain handwritings was pen pressure and nerve tremor. The questions were read by Mr. Weeks from the minutes of the Kennedy trial and the witness replied: "I cannot remember what I testified to at the Kenedy trial. If it says so in the minutes from which you are reding, then I presume I so testified."

The witness was then asked if he had ever examined the handwriting of Felix J. Gallagher, and replied that he had done so. A specimen of Gallagher's writing was offered in evidence by Mr. Weeks who said he did so for the purpose of comparison. Mr. Osborne objected to this specimen going into evidence.

The court refused to allow the specimen to go into evidence, but allowed it to marked for identification. The Gallagher writing is said to be very similar to that of Molineaux, the defendant, and the two men have been close friends.

Mr. Weeks asked Mr. Kinsley to do some vertical writing with pen and ink. Mr. Kinsley after having written one specimen was given a wrapped package about eight inches long and four inches square, and asked to write the address on the prison package, leaving room for five postage stamps. He was asked to use his natural handwriting in doing so. Mr. Kinsley did not object, but wrote the poison package address. Mr. Weeks then asked that the specimen of handwriting should be marked for identification and it was done.

The witness was next asked to reproduce on the black board some of the characteristics of his own handwriting. The witness was kept at the black board for half an hour or more, being questioned by Mr. Weeks as to the characteristics of his own handwriting. Recess.

A DOUBLE CRIME

Murderer Shot Down by Angry Mob

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DUNBAR, PA., Dec. 19.—Sanford White, superintendent of construction of the W. J. Raineycoke company was shot and killed today by David Pierce a colored employe. Pierce then fled to the mountains followed by an angry mob. He was discovered in hiding and was riddled with bullets. Death was instantaneous.

TALBOT MILLS

TO GET AN INCREASE OF WAGES.

This noon the following notice was posted on the door of the Talbot mills, North Billerica:

"The wages of the employes of this mill will be increased January 1, 1900."

In an interview with the treasurer, Mr. F. S. Clark, he said that as yet he was unable to give the percentage of increase in the various departments, but that an increase would be given such as would place the wages paid by the Talbot mills equal to the highest wages pa'd by any company in the same line of business.

The wages now paid are higher on the average than those paid by most companies and are the same as paid previous to the cut in January, 1894. The wages were advanced after that in June, 1895, and in January, 1899, the company voluntarily raised the wages to those paid in 1892. The further advance voluntarily given to take effect in January, 1900, comes as a great surprise to the employes and makes a very acceptable Christmas gift.

The wages will be increased in all departments and altogether about 350 hands will be benefited.

GERMANY'S ISLANDS

HER FLAG HOISTED OVER SAMOAN ISLANDS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

APIA, Samoa, Dec. 13, via Auckland N. Z., Dec. 19.—The German flag was hoisted over the court house today as an official notification of the annexation of the islands by agreement to Germany. The German consul, on board the Cormorant, was interviewed by the Samoan chiefs. He replied that the Samoans could have their own kings and chiefs. They then informed the consul that Mataafa would be selected. Having declared their government, established the Mataafaites are driving the Malietoans out of hte place.

BROWNS OF PRESBYTERY

NEW YORK BODY AGAINST DR. McGIFFERT'S TEACHINGS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—The New York Presbytery yesterday adopted resolutions disapproving of the teachings of Rev. Dr. A. C. McGiffert. There was a very large attendance at the session. The amenuments of Rev. Dr. Francis Brown to the resolutions submitted by Rev. Drs. Van Dyke and Johnson were the subject of animated debate.

The resolutions prepared by Dr. Van Dyke and Dr. Johnson find that the teachings of the book entitled "A History of Christianity in the Apostolic Age," by Rev. A. C. McGiffert, are erroneous and liable to be misunderstood.

The resolutions warn those engaged in critical studies from accepting the disavowed teachings. The intention of Dr. Brown to prevent the presbytery from voting Dr. McGiffert in error aroused the greatest opposition and brought about the deefat of his proposed amendments.

Rev. J. C. Bliss offered an amendment warning those engaged in critical studies "to be careful to distinguish between the theories of criticism and the certainties of faith."

The resolutions as amended were then adopted.

While it was the unanimous opinion that this vote settled the matter finally as far as the New York presbytery is concerned, there was a difference of opinion as to whether the question is finally disposed of.

ROBERTS' CASE

More Witnesses Were Examined Today

THEY TOLD OF INTRODUCTIONS

In Which Mrs. Roberts Figured

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared today before the committee of the house which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of Utah. Mrs. Dr. Miles, a physician of Salt Lake City, was the first witness. She gave details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggie Shipp-Roberts on April 12, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs.

She addressed Mrs. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon the witness said she was interrupted with the request "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts."

Mr. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for seven years.

Subsequently, the witness called at the house on a visit. Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced. She could not recall whether there was a specific introduction as husband, or whether his entry was with such familiarity as to indicate a marital status. When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness she repeated the same story.

"Was the introduction as husband," he asked.

The witness could not remember.

Mr. Roberts submitted an objection that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of congress.

"Then you contend," said Chairman Taylor, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1897."

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts.

"The objection will be noted," replied the chairman.

The Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He said he knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, and said his first meeting with the latter was in September, 1897. This occurred, he said, on the train at Manti, Utah. He was in the car with Roberts and spoke to him. A lady sat beside him and he beckoned to her and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard." Whether Roberts said "my wife" in making the introduction or simply said "Mrs. Roberts" the witness was not sure. But he was positive the introduction was as wife. Subsequently, Mr. Wishard said he called on Mrs. Roberts at her house to make sure he had made no mistake. The sign in the front of the house read: "Dr. Margaret C. Roberts." In the parlor he saw on the wall a large portrait of Roberts and on a table a small picture of him. He saw Mrs. Roberts, recalled to her the introduction on the train and she remembered it.

On cross-examination, Mr. Roberts brought out Mr. Wishard's oppositon to Mormonism, and then asked: "Was Roberts drunk when he made this introduction referred to?"

"Not that I know of."

"Was he insane?"

"I do not know."

"What possible reason then," asked Mr. Roberts, "could Roberts have had for putting himself in such a position with one who opposed him?"

The witness said he could not explain reasons. He repeated that the facts were as stated.

Mr. Wishard said that in conversation with Mrs. Dr. Roberts he had asked her if the young lady in Washington with Roberts was her daughter and she answerd in the negative.

At the afternoon session, Mr. T. J. Brandon of Centreville, Utah, where he had been postmaster and probate judge testified that he had known B. H. Roberts for many years, also Louisa Smith Roberts and Celia Dibble Roberts. He knew the children of Louisa Smith Roberts, five or six in number. Celia Dibble Roberts also had six children. On August 11, 1897, it was reported in Centreville that B. H. Roberts had twins born to him by Celia Dibble Roberts. He had seen them frequently since then. He gave circumstantial details of other children of Celia Dibble Roberts, who, he said, were recognized in the town as the children of B. H. Roberts.

On cross-examination, witness said he was never to Celia Dibble Roberts, he never called at the house. He knew nothing as to Roberts' marital relations beyond general repute.

In reply to Chairman Taylor, Mr. Brandon said Celia Dibble Roberts now occupied the house formerly owned by Louisa Smith Roberts, who had about four years ago moved into a new house built by B. H. Roberts.

Mr. Ray Brandon, son of the former witness, testified that he knew Roberts, Louisa Smith Roberts, Celia Dibble Roberts and most, if not all of the children. It was generally reported that twins were born to Celia and B. H. Roberts and he had seen them and talked with them. On cross-examination Roberts brought out that the witness was absent at school for considerable periods, including the summer of last year, and his observations did not cover these periods.

Mr. Schroeder stated that this closed the evidence on hand, and it would be all, unless the committee wished further testimony.

Chairman Taylor asked Mr. Roberts what line he desired to follow. Mr. Roberts said he had no witnesses but he had some documentary evidence he wished to present and hoped that it would arrive tomorrow.

"Do you expect to place yourself on the stand as a witness?" asked Mr. Miers, a member of the committee.

"I do not," replied Mr. Roberts.

At the request of Representative Morris of the committee, Mr. Brandon returned to the stand and was asked by Mr. Morris as to the marital repute of Roberts and Celia and Louisa Roberts.

The witness replied: "Celia Dibble Roberts is recognized by the entire community as B. H. Roberts' second wife. She is dealt with by the Mormon church as his second wife. Louisa Roberts is recognized as his first wife. Margaret Shipp Roberts had come there once, to attend the funeral already referred to."

The records of these marriages were in the temple, the witness said, which was the only depositary of plural marriages. He said it was generally understood that Roberts was in the employ and paid by the church.

This brought about a sharp exchange between the witness and Roberts.

"Do you not know," asked Roberts, "that the Mormon church does not pay those ministering for it?"

"I know," replied Mr. Brandon, "that the rank and file are not paid, but the higher ones are paid."

"And is not B. H. Roberts in the rank and file?"

"No, sir, you are considered as one of the influential ones and at the time you were called down it was stated that you received $100 per month from the church."

"Did not Roberts deny it publicly?"

"I know," said the witness, "that the bishop says he sends a part of the tithing up there (to Centreville) to pay you."

"Do you not know that none of the tithing is sent there?"

"I only know what the bishop says."

Mr. Ray Brandon was recalled to give evidence of general repute along the same lines as his father.

It was decided to hear the arguments on the case on January 4. During the holiday recess a sub-committee will hear other witnesses who may come from Utah.

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THE FEDERATION

Declared Against Slavery at Today's Meeting

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich. Dec. 19—The American Federation of Labor today declared against slavery within the jurisdiction of the United States in a resolution which alleged that 100,000 slaves are now working under contract in the Hawaiian Islands and that the act admitting Hawaii to the United States domain provides for the continuation of these contracts.

A proposition for the establishment of a court of five arbitrators to be appointed by each annual convention of the federation to settle all questions of jurisdiction between the different federated bodies was rejected.

Resolutions were adopted favoring shorter hours for barbers; urging the government to provide more worthy life boats; requesting placing of union labels on school books and endorsing the granite cutters contention for an 8-hour day.

After considerable discussion the question of granting a federation charter to the piano and organ workers, giving them jurisdiction over certain other factory employes, was recommitted. The convention then went into executive session under special order on the proposition to release the linotype machine tenders from jurisdiction of the typographical union.

The debate between the printers and machine delegates as to whether the linotype machine tenders should be transferred to the machinists' jurisdiction was long and warm. The convention finally voted that the executive council of the federation appoint a committee to arbitrate the matter.

The question of sympathetic strikes was considered in executive session this afternoon. The subject was the expulsion of the Detroit musicians by the central labor union. It was decided that the federation had no power to interfere with the rights of any organization as to strikes.

When the open session was resumed, a lengthy report was read from the committee on President Gompers' reports. Nearly all the sections of the document were approved by the committee.

As to President Gompers' expressions upon "Our New Possessions and Militarism," the committee deplored "The ever spreading encroachments being made upon civil religious liberties" which it regarded as a "step backwards in evolution of freedom, which is fraught with great danger."

The committee stated that when the Porto Ricans and Filipinos were deprived of their right to self-government, then freedom was in great danger. Lovers of political and industrial liberty were urged to unite in defense of such inalienable rights. The declarations made by those in authority concerning forcible extension of territory for the alleged purpose of extending commercial interests, were stated to be only a means for subjugation of the inhabitants. The convention adopted unanimously the committee resolution declaring against such extensions.

The convention voted to raise the salary of the president from $1800 to $2100 and of the secretary from $1500 to $1800.

A special committee which endeavored to settle the theatrical employes' boycott against Detroit theatres reported failure of the attempt to bring the Detroit managers and their late employes together. The theatres of Detroit were ordered put on the unfair list.

SALE AND TEA

HELD BY THE LADIES OF THE UNITY CLUB.

A sale and tea were held yesterday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. Frank E. Shaw, Tyler Park, under the auspices of the ladies of the Unity club.

The weather was not all that might be desired, but despite that fact there was a good attendance and sales were lively. All of the spacious rooms on the first floor of the elegant home were devoted to the sale and tea tables. It was a pretty and animated social function and the proceeds are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

The ladies who assisted in the dining rooms were: Mrs. Henry Church, Mrs. Edward Thomas, Mrs Walter Parker, Mrs. Frank Putnam and Mrs. Horace Beals. The other committees were as follows: Fancy work, Mrs. O. H. Gibson, Mrs. Samuel Burbank and Mrs. George Larrabee; sewing table, Mrs. Fred Sargent, Mrs. John Stott and Mrs. George Evans; cake table, Mrs. George Henley, Mrs. Thomas Mather, Mrs. Carl Burtt, Mrs. Harry Parker and Mrs. Dorr; candy table, Mrs. Frank Stowell, Mrs. Albert Green and Mrs. Horace Beals. Miss Mills officiated at the door.

Charlotte Morton ran a very successful gypsy booth where she told of the past, present and future. The reporter was informed by one of the ladies that every one who attended the sale had her fortune told and all were well pleased with the results. There were two prizes that were drawn for after the sale was over. One was a picture and the other a doll. Mr. Joseph P. Courtney was the winner of the first prize and Mr. George Manning came into the possession of the doll. The doll's name is Lizzie and the ladies had quite a discussion as to what the doll's other name shall be. The finally decided to leave it to Mr. Manning.

POLICE BOARD

LICENSES GRANTED AND REVOKED AT MEETING.

The following licenses were granted last night at the meeting of the board of police:

Theatres, Mack & Dempsey, Savoy, Boody & Co., Music Hall.

Express, Carlos O. Grimes, 17 Ware.

Pool table, Richard Hayes, 121 Gorham; James Cuff, 35 Fletcher.

Auctioneer, T. F. Kelley, 56 Middlesex. Common victualler, Susette T. Joy, 269 Gorham; Marie Choulnard, 25 Aiken; Dina Bergeron, 219 Gorham.

Hawker and pedlar, James Doyle, 115 School.

The following licenses were revoked: Common victuallers, Dina Bergeron, 61 Central; Prosper Milot, Lee.

Express, Eugene E. Stoughton, No. 54; theatre, J. Henry Collins, Gaiety, Merrimack street.

Leave to withdraw was granted Cesaro Moreau, 250 Aiken street on application for a common victualler's license.

The special police warrant of John M. Harvey, Wentworth block, was revoked.

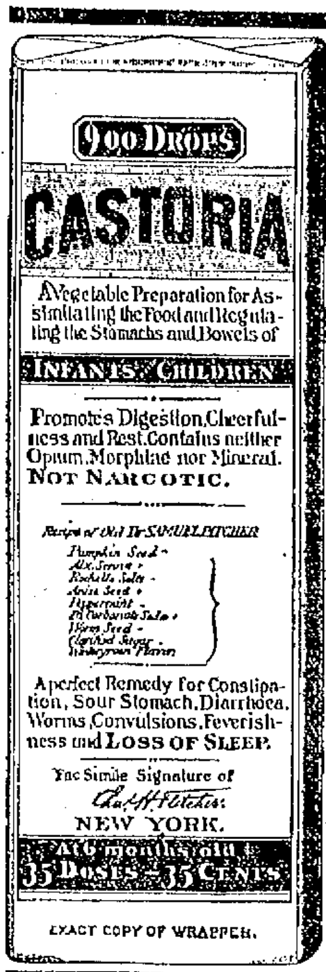
DR. FINNEY DEAD

HE INVENTED THE TROLLEY SYSTEM FOR STREET CARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FOX LAKE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Dr. E. J. Finney, the inventor of the trolley system of propelling street cars, died here today. He had over 25 electrical patents, many of them of great value, but did not possess the faculty of making them pay him much money.

Trunks and Bags, Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.



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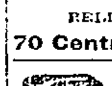

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If nature did not provide you with good teeth, then have a set made. Dr. Simmons will make you a set of the best for $5. If you have a set you are not pleased with, you can have them put on a new plate for $5.00. Dr. E. H. Simmons, 213 Central street.

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DEEP SORROW

Felt for General Lawton's Death

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—The death of Gen. Lawton has cast a gloom over the troops here and most of the soldiers have vowed vengeance against the Filipinos. As to the manner of his death it is said he exposed himself to unnecessary danger on the firing line directing the attack of his troops upon Gen. Geronimo's entrenched insurgent force.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen. Lawton; but the attack was difficult, because of the natural defences of the town.

Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line, within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore and a light yellow rain coat. He was easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature.

The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed, with his usual contempt for bullets.

Suddenly he exclaimed, "I am shot," clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer.

Orderlies rushed across the field for the surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid on a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general.

Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors, and a cavalry escort following. The troops filed bareheaded through the building where the body laid; and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief, as though each man had suffered a personal loss.

The body has been removed to Manila where his family lived in a government building.

CONFIRMED BY OTIS

HE REPORTS THAT GEN. LAWTON WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The war department last night received the following official confirmation of the killing of Gen. Lawton near San Mateo, Luzon:

Manila, Dec. 20, 1899.

Gen. Lawton, engaged in driving the insurgents from the San Mateo section of country, northeast of Manila, was killed instantly at 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning. This is a great loss to us and his country. OTIS."

POLICE PENSIONS

Law Which City Council Has Accepted

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR IN DOUBT

How it Affects the Police Department

All that now remains to make the police pension order of the city council effective is Mayor Crowley's signature.

There is some doubt as to whether or not His Honor will give the matter his official sanction for his attitude last night was not very encouraging to the friends of the movement.

This measure was passed by the city council during the administration of ex-Mayor Fifield, but the latter vetoed it and it has not been heard from since until last night, when it passed with but little opposition. The entire law which the city council adopted is as follows:

Chap. 378 of Acts of 1892.—Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1. The board of mayor and aldermen of any city, except the city of Boston, containing not less than 75,000 inhabitants by the last state or national census, may retire from active service and place upon a pension roll: First, any member of the police department of such city who has arrived at the age of sixty-five years and who has performed faithful service in said department for a period of not less than 15 years.

Second, any member of said department who shall be certified to said board in writing by the city physician of such city as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically by injuries sustained through no fault of his in the actual performance of duty, from further performing duty as such member.

Third, any member of said department who has performed faithful service therein for a period not less than twenty years, if, in the judgment of said board, said member is incapacitated for useful service in said department.

Section 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall not exceed one-half of the annual compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, in case such person is retired on account of injuries received, and shall not exceed one-third of such compensation in case such person is retired on account of age or service, the same to be paid by the city.

Section 3. Cities within the provisions of this act are hereby authorized to appropriate money to provide for the payment of the pensions authorized by this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of any city coming within its provisions.

The petition sent into the city council bears the following signatures: Hon. George F. Richardson, A. C. Wheelock, Wm. H. Anderson, Samuel P. Hadley, C. H. Hanson, George Runels, Michael Corbett, Charles J. Glidden, T. Costello & Co., D. H. Varnum, E. M. Tucke, J. Tyler Stevens, R. G. Bartlett, George H. Wood, Arthur H. Hosford, James H. McDermott, E. A. Smith, Daniel Gage, George C. Dempsey, J. L. Chalifoux, Walter L. Parker, S. K. Dexter, O. R. Hanlett, Jas. G. Buttrick, Edward W. Trull, Edward L. White, Percy Parker, E. W. Thomas, Addison Putnam, Frank P. Putnam, Freeman B. Shedd, Asa C. Russell, Crawford Burnham, Wm. B. Spalding, C. I. Hood, S. C. Davis, John J. Donovan, George J. Carney, John T. Vigeant, Joseph Marin, A. G. Pollard, Frank W. Hall. It will be seen readily that some of the heaviest taxpayers in Lowell are on the list of petitioners.

There are only three men on the police department who are 65 years of age and none of them is incapacitated from duty. In fact, Albert Libby, who patrols Centralville Hill, is one of the most efficient day officers and is 68 years of age. City Hall Officer Jones is 68 years of age. Court Officer Isaac Libby is 72 years of age. All three are able to do duty well and would not be retired under the new law. The only officer to be affected by the pension law at present would be Court Officer Henry Farrington, who is 61 years of age and a victim of paralysis.

Supt. Davis is in favor of the measure and says:

"If the law goes into effect, it will not entail much additional expense to the city. At no time would there be more than four or five on the pension list. I hope the mayor will sign the order.

BOSTON RECOUNT

Shows no Material Change in Results

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The recount of the city's vote at the recent election which had been in progress at Horticultural hall for two days was finished last evening about 7 o'clock.

"No changes in the successful candidates were developed during the recount.

By the revised figures Mayor-elect Hart increases his plurality over Collins by 188 votes, giving his a total lead of 2278.

E. W. Presho, rep., who went into the recount for street commissioner with a lead of only 112 over Duane, dem., by the final returns has a plurality of 352.

Dr. Bulger, dem., by the recount leads Mr. Ernst, rep., for the school committee by 468 and is elected.

The recount for alderman in the district comprising wards 22 and 23, showed only a slight change of figures as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DANIEL McDONALD, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Peter A. Mackenzie of Lowell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Lowell, in said county of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D., 1900 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least, before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said court, this nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

FATHER'S LETTERS

Bought by Miss Helen Gould

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Miss Helen Gould's name figured in the Harlem police court yesterday morning in a case in which four women dressmakers were the principals. Three of the women accused the fourth, Mrs. Alice L. Snyder, 46 years old, of No. 161 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, of luring them into partnership with her by advertisements and then taking all their money. She had a store in Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn. Two had paid $500 each to Mrs. Snyder, they said, and the third had paid $250 to her.

Mrs. Emma L. C. Van Winkle, of No. 417 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, said that before she put $500 in Mrs. Snyder's hands the latter had assured her that Miss Helen Gould was a customer and a personal friend of hers. Mrs. Van Winkle wrote to Miss Gould and received in reply this letter, which was presented in court yesterday:

No. 579 Fifth avenue, April 13, 1899:

Mrs. E. L. C. Van Winkle:

Dear Madam:—letter of April 11 has reached me, and in reply I would say that all I know of Mrs. Alice Snyder is that many years ago her husband had business connections with my father, during the course of which my father had to communicate with Mr. Snyder by letter. Subsequently finding that Mrs. Snyder was in need of money, I offered to pay certain sums for such of my father's letters as she held in her possession. I also gave her some sewing to do, but have never met her personally and cannot vouch for her business ability, as I know nothing about it. Very truly,

HELEN GOULD,

Per G. M. L.

Mrs. Florence Monroe, of No. 122 West Forty-fourth street, the principal complainant, said that Mrs. Snyder had also told her that Miss Gould was one of her customers. She went to see Miss Gould, and the latter told her about buying the letters.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, of No. 35 Seventh avenue, said that Mrs. Snyder had defrauded her in the same way.

All three women said Mrs. Snyder had some strange mesmeric power, and that even after they discovered that she was deceiving them, they went on with her in the business. Mrs. Snyder was held in $1,000 bail on a charge of grand larceny.

Mrs. Monroe told Magistrate Flammer that Miss Gould's secretary had told her that Miss Gould had paid Mrs. Snyder several hundred dollars for the letters in question, as Mrs. Snyder had represented that the letters would be very injurious if published. Miss Gould, the secretary said, had found the letters to be of no importance.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

SOUTH BILLERICA.

The sale of the Holland farm at South Billerica last week to Mrs. Eliza Grady of Wamesit street, Lowell, was the biggest transfer of suburban property consummated in the Boston real estate market for many weeks. Edward T. Harrington & Co., handled the sale. The money consideration is not stated. The land comprises about 35 acres and a set of new buildings. The purchaser will soon take possession.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON

WAS OVERPAID BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Mr. R. J. Tracewell, the controller of the treasury, has revised the action of the auditor of the navy department in the claim of Rear Admiral William T. Sampson for pay as rear admiral while performing the duties of that grade. In making the readjustment, Controller Tracewell finds that Rear Admiral Sampson was allowed $549 too much by the auditor for the navy department in arriving at the differences in pay in the various grades which Admiral Sampson held.

Cure That Cold!

Or it May End in the "GRIP."

The popular expression, "have taken a cold," is very familiar to people inhabiting our moist, changeable climate; at the same time probably not one person in a hundred understands the cause, cure or prevention. The best remedy for a cold is the old reliable

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT

That a neglected cold often leads to fatal and troublesome diseases is well known. With children it means croup; with adults, catarrh, bronchitis, la grippe, perhaps pneumonia. Nothing is more annoying than the sneezing, red nose, and woe begone look of a person with a cold.

Scores of mothers would as soon go to bed without matches in the house, as without that old fashioned remedy, Johnson's Anodyne Liniment near at hand for croup or colds.

Every Mother should have Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in the house for croup, colds, sore throat, tonsilitis, colic, cuts, bruises, cramps and pains liable to occur in any family as long as life has woes.

Treatment for colds. For an adult, saturate a dessert spoonful of sugar with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment and eat it slowly, repeating the dose two or three times daily, and especially on retiring.

For children, use a teaspoonful of sugar and about ten to twenty drops of the Liniment, according to age.

PLEASANT TO TAKE DROPPED ON SUGAR

If any soreness of the throat is present, saturate a flannel with the Liniment, and put about the throat at night, with a dry cloth bound over the flannel. Bathe the chest freely with the Liniment. Keep the bowels open, and we will guarantee a cure. If a cold has been neglected and becomes seated in catarrh of the nasal passages, or turns out to be la grippe, we would suggest that the best method of

Treatment for La Grippe

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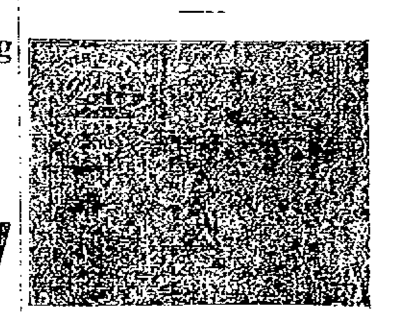

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SOLON STEVENS

Gave Interesting Lecture Before the Mathews

UNION MEETING OF THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Other Social and Fraternal Meetings

Mr. Solon Stevens last evening delivered the last lecture under the auspices of the literary committee of the Mathew Temperance Institute at their hall in the Mansur Block.

The subject taken by Mr. Stevens was "Scholarly Spirit" and after expressing his appreciation of the honor done him in being invited there, he said in part:

"George W. Curtis once in an address to young people alluded to the following picture: An old man and an old woman, decrepit with age were walking one day in the woods when they beheld in front of them a young man and woman in the full vigor of life and health. They recognized in the couple themselves as they had appeared years ago, when they were young and healthy.

"Young men, I see this picture before me tonight and as I look upon it, my thoughts turn back to my youthful days. What I wish to impress upon you this evening is for you to maintain a scholarly spirit in all your doings in this world. Cultivate a habit of performing tasks in a scholarly manner. Use your intelligence as well as your muscles and you will succeed. Brains are bound to count for something. You are just starting in life and the first question that confronts you is: How shall I succeed?

"Life may be compared to a battleship: they both have to face the same dangers of sunken reefs, etc. It is a well known fact that no two men have have taken the same route in life.

"Again, life may be compared to the drama, with the world as the stage and the people the actors. To my mind, life is a great school and we are the pupils, all under the same master, under whom we are trained, and the man who is best trained will be the one who will succeed. Those who do their work the best are the most successful ones and brains the winner.

"I do not maintain that when a young man leaves school or college that his education is finished; it is only just begun. School and college but prepare a man for a scholarly life; he must learn things in everyday life. It is the man who makes the most of opportunities that is the most successful; the self-made man is the man of power, the one who does not stop when he leaves college, but keeps right on educating himself all through his life. Education is part of a man's life, just as much as his religious or moral growth.

"A man may do much by the use of good books. These are of two kinds: books of power and books of knowledge. The book of power is the one which governs the conduct of life, inasmuch as it teaches by moving the heart and mind simultaneously.

"Self reliance is a thing a young man must learn. He must learn to strike out for himself and not to lean upon others. There is no better time than the present for scholarly minds. New avenues have been opened and the man with brains has a good chance to succeed. Brag and bluster may triumph for a while, in the beginning but in the end brains and character will tell every time."

This closed Mr. Stevens' address and he was tendered a rising vote of thanks by the society.

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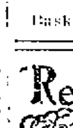

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EIGHT HOUR LAW

Promises to Mix up City Affairs

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYES MAY BE NEEDED

And Wages May be Cut Down

Since the recent city election determined that henceforth city laborers shall be employed only eight hours a day, the city officials are doing considerable thinking and figuring as to just what it means and how it is to be met. The law will not go into effect until after next Tuesday when the aldermen will accept officially the result of the election. Then Mayor Crowley will notify the heads of departments that the eight-hour law has gone into effect and then what?

Then what? is what is at present bothering Agent Knapp of the health department, Supt. Cheney of streets, and Supt. Beals (who is not fired) of sewers, City Messenger Fagan, Sec. Courtney of the outdoor relief department and other employes of city laborers who have work that must be done if it takes 24 hours out of the 24.

The law is as follows:

Chap. 314—An act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed or who may hereafter be employed by or on behalf of any city or town in this commonwealth.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall not take effect in any city or town until accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an annual election. Such vote shall be taken by ballot. When so accepted, this act shall take effect from the date of such acceptance. Approved May 6, 1889.

In the first place the law provides no penalty for disobedience of its requirements and it might not be enforced at all though that is extremely doubtful as a laborer will hardly work longer than the law requires without raising objections. But if the law is disregarded and a city official is taken into court the court can hardly do anything more than to notify him officially that the law must be enforced and then fine him for contempt of court if he should persist in disregarding its provisions. There are ordinances in existence which are not enforced because they have no penalties attached to them.

But the great question arising from the eight-hour law is how extra work is to be accomplished. In some cases extra men will be needed but here the official requiring them is tied up by his appropriation which does not provide for the salary of extra men. In such cases the only way left is to cut down the pay of those working in order to pay the extra help. Then those so cut down will make a vigorous protest and in some cases abandon their jobs leaving the official in a tight place.

The question has been asked, Does the eight-hour law affect patrolmen in the police departments? Each member of the day shift works 9 1-2 hours. There are 21 day men. Now, if these work eight hours four new day men will be necessary to cover the time now being covered by the 21. But besides the patrolmen, there are two patrol wagon officers, working 12 hours a day each. If these are affected one more man for the wagon is needed. There are two patrol wagon drivers working 12 hours each and again an additional man must go to work. The police department hostler works 12 hours a day. He will either have to hustle his work along or else another man will be required. There is also a night operator on the police signal who works 12 hours. All these, too, work seven days a week. It is quite probable that the law will be modified to exclude policemen and firemen.

But the other departments are in a quandary, particularly the health department. Agent Knapp has thought of the matter but not having received official knowledge of the law has not taken any action in the matter. Discussing the eight-hour measure, Agent Knapp said:

"Our department is peculiarly situated. We have work to do that must be done promptly it matters not what time regulations may be made by law. We must gather swill and ashes without loss of time, otherwise we have the citizens after us. Moreover, we must have regular periods for gathering each so that each householder knows just about what time to expect us. We must collect swill and ashes in as few hours as possible. In the work of collecting much time is lost going to and from the stable to the further ends of the city and while a man may work hard under short hours, they will show little results. Our men go to work now about 7 o'clock. Under the 8-hour law, they will begin work at 7.30. I have found from experience that the early hours in the morning are the best of the day and we cannot afford to lose that half hour. If they will allow us to compute time on a basis of 48 hours per week which is equivalent to eight hours a day, we could get along very nicely and give the men a half holiday on Saturday which I believe would suit them as well as an eight-hour day. However, we shall endeavor to comply with the law when properly notified that it has gone into effect."

The Sun reporter spoke with City Messenger Fagan on the matter and he said: "In my department are an engineer and an assistant who work ten hours a day seven days in the week for $3 and $2 respectively per day and two firemen who also work 70 hours per week at 15 cents per hour. There is that much work to be done no matter how many do it and there is no money allowed me for additional help. The firemen get paid for overtime work while the engineers do not, although frequently they are obliged to work overtime. I am not aware as yet what course will be pursued. It may be that we shall be privileged to hire additional help or we may have to allow our firemen to continue working paying them overtime. The janitors all work over eight hours per day. Some days Janitor Delmage gets in 18 hours out of the 24. He goes to work at 8 in the morning and is obliged to remain until all meetings are over and some of them do not adjourn until midnight."

Secretary Courtney when seen said: "I am wondering whether or not the ambulance drivers come under that law. The ambulance stable must be covered at all hours if we have to employ extra men."

Supt. Cheney was too hard to find, but Supt. Beals whom we are pleased to state is still holding his job, said: "There are about 150 men working on the sewer department. They work 9 hours a day but I don't think the eight-hour law would necessitate the hiring of any more ordinary laboring men. I presume it would affect the bricklayers however, as they are paid by the hour. We have three watchmen on duty at present who work 12 and 13 hours per day. Watchmen are necessities and if their hours are cut down another shift and consequently more money would be needed."

City Engineer Bowers and Supt. Thomas of the water board will undoubtedly need additional men under the new law and on the whole the enforcement of the new law will mix up matters somewhat if it doesn't find jobs for numerous more or less worthy applicants.

THE 58 HOUR LAW

Chief Wade Thinks Spirit is Violated

Chief Wade of the state police says he has no hesitancy in saying that the spirit of the 58 hour law, if not the letter, is being violated.

"The law was passed with a view to establishing 58 hours as the maximum number weekly for women and minors in the mills, and the exchange or shifting of help who have worked the full number of hours from one mill to another that they may work overtime nights is, in my opinion, an evasion of the law," said Chief Wade.

"If the present law does not fully cover the matter, then it will have to be amended by the legislature, for if help could work the required 58 hours during the day, and then go to another mill and work nights, they easily could work almost 100 hours a week, which would be even a worse state of affairs than existed before any law regulating the number of working hours was passed.

"There is no question about the intent of the law. It was passed to shorten the hours of labor and fix a standard. In 1874 the 10-hour law was passed to reduce the number of hours for women and minors, and it was complied with chiefly up to the time of the passage of the 58-hour law. This has continued up to the present time, with but few exceptions, and most of the employers have lived up to it.

"It seems strange to me that employes should help to evade a law made expressly to shorten their hours and to establish a precedent for longer hours than provided by law. If, as is stated in the papers, the help go to another mill at night and work overtime, the laboring people themselves are evading the law. The purpose of the law is plain, and it was even suggested that 54 hours constitute a week's work, which shows conclusively that the legislature passed the law with the express purpose of giving the operatives shorter hours.

"If the law can be evaded in the manner set forth then a worse condition presents itself than if there was no law. For instance, a number of mills that desired to run nights would only have to shift their employes from one to another, provided the employes were willing to work overtime. Should any of the employes be ordered to go to another mill to work or be intimidated, then this would be a conspiracy to evade the law, and action could be brought against the employers. Chief Wade is looking into the matter, and will see if the law cannot reach this alleged evasion of its intent.

AT KEELY INSTUITE

"JACK" DAY, THE YOUNG BROKER, IS THERE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Jack" Day, the youthful broker who it is said married Lillie Menzies of the "Round New York in Eighty Minutes" company, some days ago is at at the Keeley Institute in White Plains.

"I don't even know that I am married," he said yesterday to a World reporter.

"Your father admits that Miss Menzies is your wife, and it is said that she has exhibited a marriage certificate to friends."

"Well! if my father says I'm married I suppose I am," the young man rejoined, "but I don't believe that any marriage certificate has been on exhibition," and he smiled.

"Are you going back to your wife, or are you going to try to have the marriage annulled?"

"I have no idea what I shall do. Besides, it would not be proper for me to make a statement now. It might prejudice my future action."

Mr. Day went to White Plains Saturday night, accompanied by his father, a wealthy merchant of this city.

NEW WELLS

LAND SELECTED ON BEAVER BROOK BANK NEAR N. H. LINE.

The land upon which the new driven wells are to be located has been selected by Z. H. Goodnow, engineer for the state board of health, who visited Lowell yesterday for the purpose of making tests and examinations with a view to locating the land for the experimental wells.

He finaly selected land near the New Hampshire line, close by the side of the brook. The land, which lies above Collinsville, is sandy and flat and promises well for the purpose. The state board has made chemical tests of the water in the brook and finds it to be free from carbonic acid gas. If the water under the brook is of similar quality it will be most desirable for city use. It is the carbonic acid gas that gives the water the sparkle it has, and which makes it so palatable. It is also the element that makes the water dangerous. After these wells are sunk the water board will sink more wells on the boulevard, above the present engine house, and it is hoped that a sufficient supply will be obtained, so that the wells at the city farm may be shut down. The water board and the state board of health are working in unison and it is believed that they will reach a solution of the difficulty very soon.

BANK ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The National Bank of Port Jarvis, New York, did not open its doors for business yesterday. A notice signed by President Francis Marvin was posted saying that a temporary suspension was made necessary by the stringency in the New York money market. The suspension is attributed primarily to the recent defalcation of L. E. Goldsmith, the assistant cashier.

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AT BASKET BALL

Some Modifications Necessary to Present Game

THAT HAVE ARIZEN IN CONTESTS

Discussed at Meeting of the National League

At the recent meeting of the National Basket Ball League the New York delegation present argued that close attention should be given to the three men in a scrimmage rule, and also asked that some provision be made in the rules for doing away with the practice some teams have, of constantly jockeying for time.

Mr. Smith of Trenton, N. J. gave it as his opinion that the game was becoming rougher, but this was explained by the fact that the teams are more evenly matched than before, and it is a known fact that where two almost equally strong teams meet in a sport as speedy as basket ball, there is bound to be a slight element of roughness, although not intentional. Much of the deliberate rough playing, which in spite of the intense rivalry existing between the clubs, is rare in national league matches, is done while the referee's back is turned, and to overcome this difficulty Mr. Mugenweck suggested that an assistant official be placed in the cage to help the referee by keeping an eye open for rough work on the part of the players at one end of the floor while the referee is following the ball and the men playing it at the other end. The suggestion was not adopted, however, as it is desired to keep all legislation on the floor in the hands of a single official.

The three men in a scrimmage rule came in for considerable discussion, and there was some talk of going back to the old method of penalizing the third man for merely touching the ball, but it was plain that this would result in annihilating the short hand to hand pass which several of the teams use to such telling advantage and besides the referee would be kept busy calling and the game delayed by the frequent offences. It was also proposed to legislate against the advantage which some teams get by having a good jumper get in scrimmages wherever possible by compelling the players to jump according to their positions, viz, center against center, and guard against forward, or by selecting as the jumpers the two men nearest the ball just before the actual scrimmage took place. It being the object of the league to place a high premium on clever, scientific play wherever possible the rule was allowed to stand as written.

To avoid the constant wasting of time by having the entire team file off the floor for instructions from coaches whenever a man is injured, a new change is added to the playing rules barring any player but the one injured from leaving the cage during the game. In cases where the man is so badly hurt as to require assistance in leaving the floor he shall be assisted to the floor by his team, where he is taken care of by the manager and substitutes. The referees were instructed to notify the players at the end of two minutes on delays, and then at the expiration of three minutes' limit to put the ball in play whether both teams were ready or not.

The P. A. C. and Father Scully's team of Cambridgeport come together tonight at Associate hall and a warm game is looked for. The P. A. C. will have its usual strong team on the floor and expects to land the victory.

All arrangements are now completed for the big P. A. C.-Burke game Christmas night at Associate hall. The biggest crowd of the season will undoubtedly be on hand to witness the finest game yet played in this city.

On the afternoon of January 6th second teams of the Burkes and P. A. C. will play their second game of the season at Associate hall. This hall is engaged for every Saturday night, so the teams had to select an afternoon. The game will be just as exciting, however, as though played at night.

MISS MACKENZIE

ACCEPTS AN ENGAGEMENT WITH A NEW COMPANY.

Miss Mary Gertrude Mackenzie, the popular young actress of this city has accepted a new engagement to support Miss Mary Sanders, formerly of the Castle Square stock company who is to make her debut as a star at the Tremont Theatre in Boston on January 22, 1900. Miss Mackenzie severed her connection with the Madam Janauschek company in the west to accept the position offered her by Manager Johnston. Her Lowell friends will be glad to hear of her success, and they will have an opportunity of seeing her in Little Nell and the Marchioness, a play founded upon Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop which is the production under preparation by the new company. The dramatic papers give Miss Mackenzie some flattering notices.

CORPORATION SOLD

TACK PROPERTY BROUGHT $260,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The property of the Atlas Tack corporation was offered for sale by public auction yesterday at Boston real estate exchange. The sale was made under the terms of the mortgage executed between the Atlas people and the State street trust company.

The only bid then offered was from K. I. Harrison of New York, and the property was knocked down to him at $260,100. It is understood that he was acting in behalf of H. H. Rogers of the Standard Oil company, who holds the bonds of the corporation.

BOXING GOSSIP.

George Gardiner, the clever Lowell middle weight, who returned to this city last Friday fresh from a victory at New York over Jack Moffatt of Chicago, wishes to state that if "Billo" Reagan, the middleweight boxer, now in this city, wants to meet him, he, Gardiner, will gladly arrange a bout with him. George said he heard Reagan made the remark that he would like to meet him and says it is now up to him to keep good his word. Gardiner says he will meet Reagan at any time or place and arrange a bout. It can be pulled off easily in Lynn.

Albert Griffith (Young Griffo,) who produced a sensation in the featherweight class about five years ago by his wonderfully clever style of boxing, met Terry McGovern, the present kingpin, for the first time at the latter's dressing room at a Chicago theatre the other evening. It did not take long for the two boxers to begin discussing maters: "How are you getting along?" started McGovern. "Very well," replied the Australian. "I had an awful time of it for a while though. Too much money brought on too many wine suppers, and I wouldn't work at all. But I am getting strong again, with boxing every day and I really think that I'll get my old speed again."

"Well, you ought to make lots of money if you behave yourself, Griff," replied the Brooklyn lad.

On the night of Dec. 23, before the members of the Chicago athletic association, Griffo will wind up his regular bi-weekly show going six rounds with some eastern boxer. Owen Zeigler, the Philadelphian is being talked of as the probable opponent of the Australian, but it more than likely that Zeigler is too heavy for Griffo in the latter's present condition. The 6-round contest will act as a sort of a try-out for Griffo and if he shows his old form he will immediately go to New York and challenge anybody at the lightweight limit. Sam Harris, McGovern's manager may look after the interests of the Australian.

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While the Merrimack woolen mills at the Navy Yard will in all probability start the middle of January, George L. Moore, the North Chelmsford manufacturer, will not be connected with the company that is to manage the plant as was stated. He will have no connection whatever with the mill.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

FELT IN THE OHRINGAU DISTRICT, GERMANY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Berlin says: "Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 9 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning in the Ohringau district, between Frankfort and Wiesbaden. The houses were shaken and the people rushed wildly into the open air. No loss of life is reported.

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Sold at Goodale's Drug Store, the best and cheapest place in Lowell for drugs and medicines, 217 CENTRAL STREET.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 2x1, $15.00; one roll top desk, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Manson, Room 1, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 100 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE—Ten R. I. R. A. N. S. in five cents at druggists. One given relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 100 feet of land, price only $2300. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms to each tenement, price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $900. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 9 room-house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1100. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 80 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $800. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 60 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Neil, Attorney.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 168 Merrimack street.

WATER CLOSETS and baths from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 498 Market street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 20, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for second-hand furniture at 462 Merrimack street. Tel. 656-4.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the lifestudy of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends; also advice on all business affairs. 392 Central street.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,700 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
Good for Home Brewing

These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO.,
Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the

"SINGER"

Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.

Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.

Old Machines taken in exchange.

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BLOOD POISON

Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison Permanently Cured. You can be treated at home under same guaranty. If you have taken Mercury, Iodide Potash, and still have aches and pains, Mucus Patches in Mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, write

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1883 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., for proofs of cures. Capital, $500,000. We solicit the most obstinate cases. We have cured the worst cases in 15 to 35 days. 100-page Book Free.

Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

The Passing of the Old Year

has proven to us that people, a good many of them, too, have appreciated our efforts to serve them with the best coal. If you have never tried us, you should at once. The New Year will be the happier for you for using it.

D. T. SULLIVAN,
Coal, Wood, Lime, Etc.
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Branch Office, 227 Central street.
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WANTED.

WANTED—A horse and team for its keeping. Best of care. Address 4 Gates street.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required. New system, constant practice daily, wages Saturdays, steady position when through, tools donated. Illustrated catalogue mailed free. Moler's Barber School, 5-3 Howard, New York city.

STENOGRAPHER—Young lady wants position as stenographer and general office work; four years experience; references; understands double entry bookkeeping. Address A. E. L., 312 Westford street, Lowell.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply M, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address R, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and see clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Done, 153 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED—Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hatter in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 128 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 151 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 189 East Merrimack street.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville, Rent $8. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Reed, 238 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Behntrell, Room 5, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pocketbook containing a small sum of money, between Lavery's bakery on Broadway and Adams street. Return to 346 Broadway.

FOUND—Pocketbook containing sum of money. Inquire of H. Delaney, Middlesex street.

LOST—A plain gold ring. Return to Letter Carrier 13, Lowell Post Office and receive reward.

LOST—Dog, on Middlesex street, near Thorndike, a small black dog. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to corner Park and Andover streets.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 31 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St.
Opposite American House.
COUNSELLOR—AT—LAW.

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LOOK OVER

Our Stock of
Christmas Goods
Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150
C. W. Durant,
Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

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DIAMONDS

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They never deteriorate; wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

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No. 64 Merrimack Street.

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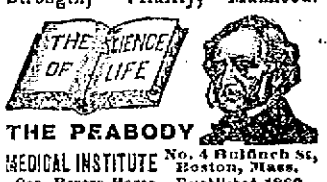

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NEW STORE:
Cor. Gorham and South Highland Streets
Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices
Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS.

They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. E. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room H, Gilbreth building, over Daily News office.

HOLIDAY TRADE.

Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 85 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to set your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 3 Merrimack square. Telephone 65-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pellum cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Mer'k.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases. Devine's 88 Merrimack Street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 394-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 362 Mid'x St. Tel. 535-6.

PLEASANT SOCIAL.

The Young People's society of High Street church held a very pleasant social in the vestry last evening, with a good attendance. The social was managed by Miss Josephine Uckington, who had planned games and other amusements for the entertainment of the guests. Refreshments were served from a daintily laid table, upon which branches of hemlock, and red and green ribbons were prettily arranged. It was a pleasant affair and was enjoyed by a large audience.

PROBATE COURT.

Yesterday morning at the session of probate court held in this city, the following wills were presented for probate: Frederick Chesby, Medford; Eugene F. Ramsdell, Natick; James Sheehan, Newton; Edith L. M. Dickinson, Stephen Lynde, Billerica; Grace L. Gotchell, Catherine Mettrath, Lowell; Joshua H. Learned, Ashland; Charles A. Harriman, Framingham.

Administrations granted: Caroline E. Wellelch, Katherine B. Maguire, Luther F. Davis, Somerville; James Coon, Watertown; Thomas F. Eagan, Framingham; Pauline R. Wilkins, Lexington; George E. Smith, Malden; Amelia Maguire, Daniel Keefe, John Sullivan, Cambridge; Charles L. Gill, Stoneham; Lyman A. Ross, Arthur L. Clifford, Lowell; Alnira S. Jones, Townsend.

Miss Kittie Smith of Glover, Vt., is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. Thomas H. Husband, 28 Davis Square. Miss Smith will stay over the holidays in Lowell.

Syrup of Figs, 25c. Dows' Drug Store.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 81 MERK ST.

STRIKE AVERTED

AT THE PARKER MILL OF FALL RIVER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 20.—The threatened strike of the Parker mill has been averted by the treasurer's agreement to pay his weavers the full advance of 10 per cent. The trouble was caused by the posting of weaving schedules which showed an advance of less than 5 per cent. in many grades of work. Special general meetings of the various labor unions have been called for different evenings this week to consider the overtime nights and Saturday afternoons. Labor secretaries reported this afternoon that the Robinson, Chace, and a large portion of the machinery in the Granite No. 3 mills were not in operation last night. They assert that this is the beginning of the end of night running. The officials of the various union have received complaints from many mills to the effect that the advance granted this class of operatives ranges from three to five per cent. only.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

$5,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG EMPLOYES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—At the request of Senator M. A. Hanna, the L. E. & W. Consolidated Street railroad, of which he is president, will distribute $5,000 among employes Saturday night as a Christmas gift. The senator in a telegram to the directors says he wants to show the company's appreciation of the manly course taken by its employes during the late strike on the big Consolidated lines when they refused to go out.

THOS. S. MARTIN

RE-ELECTED SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 20.—U. S. Senator Thomas S. Martin was re-elected yesterday for the term beginning March 4, 1901, by both houses of the assembly acting separately. Today the two houses will meet in joint session to canvass the vote and declare the result.

In the senate all present except Mr. Dinwiddie, republican, voted for Mr. Martin. In the house of delegates, not a vote was cast in opposition to Mr. Martin.

MASS. DELEGATION

TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ENGAGES QUARTERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The executive committee of the republican state committee has engaged quarters for the Massachusetts delegation to the national convention, Philadelphia, at Hotel Stenton, corner of Broad and Spruce streets. The Walton, almost next adjoining the Stenton, will be the headquarters of the national committee and where the delegations from Maine, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan and probably Indiana and Illinois will be housed. The Massachusetts delegation is lavished splendid accommodations during the convention.

The plan now is to have the Massachusetts delegates leave Boston on June 16, for Philadelphia.

Mr. Edwin Davis, blacksmith for George C. Moore, is the inventor of a trip-hammer which is adapted for all kinds of light work. It goes by electric power.

GENERAL BROOKE

Turns Over His Command to General Wood

PROCLAMATION ISSUED AT HAVANA

Some Good Advice to the People of Cuba

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—General Brooke will issue tomorrow the following proclamation:

By direction of the president I hereby transfer to my successor, Major General Leonard Wood, the duties and responsibilities of the office of military governor, bespeaking for him that support and confidence which you have come to accord to me. To those who have been associated with me in the performance of the difficult task of organizing and placing in operation the civil government of the island, I hereby tender my expression of appreciation and thanks for their loyal and patriotic support and assistance.

"A year ago I found the country most thoroughly devastated, its resources and commerce destroyed, and its rural population gathered into the cities without shelter and dying of starvation and exposure. The government of the United States immediately supplied food and work. In a short time those conditions passed away and now the country is rapidly pressing forward to a prosperity hitherto unknown in its history.

"Look about and see how true it is. The various steps that have led to the present condition are well known to you and need not be mentioned here. The change is truly marvellous. Without the semblance of civil government then you have now a complete organization. Your municipal and provincial governments are all in the hands of your own citizens. The military control is purely advisory and supervisory. Many of your laws have been modified and changed to suit the times to which you live, as well as the interests of good government. Your courts have been reorganized and are in proper order. Law and order rules.

By your own industry and by a careful observance of these conditions, the full restoration of your social affairs and property is assured. With the feeling that the future is in your hands to make or to mar, and trusting that wise counsels may prevail among you, I say to you farewell."

GOV. PINGREE

DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF MILITARY OFFICIALS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—A special from Lansing says:

Gov. Pingree today sent duplicate letters to adjutant-general Fred H. Case, Three Rivers, quartermaster-general W. L. White, Grand Rapids and inspector general Arthur S. Marsh, Allegan; compelling the state military board, asking for their resignations for the alleged irregularities said to have been discovered by the grand jury in their examination into the alleged sale of some $50,000 worth of military supplies by the board to the "Illinois Supply company," for $16,000.

Dennis T. Finnegan of Lawrence street is seriously ill with pneumonia.

FOR WEAK STOMACH DISORDERED LIVER

Constipation and Malaria

IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN

Nothing so quick to take effect as

JOHNSON'S STOMACH TABLETS

They strengthen the Stomach, Stimulate the Liver, cure Constipation, and TONE UP THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. A new and perfect substitute for Liver Pills and Cathartics. None so good, and none so Cheap. Large Box (25 tablets) 10 Cents, by mail for five 2-cent stamps. Made at

The Johnson Laboratories, Inc., Philadelphia.

For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, vases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 15 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Here Are a Few Suggestions for You to Ponder Over.

UMBRELLAS. UMBRELLAS.

Look at the Prices.

No more useful and sensible gift than a nice Umbrella. We are carrying a BIG STOCK this season.

Gents' Mercerized Natural Wood Handles, Sterling Silver Mounts, at only $1.49.

Gents' English Serge, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Mounts, only 98c, 26 or 28 inches.

Ladies' English Serge, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Mounts, only 98c.

Ladies' English Serge, Fancy Horn Handles, only 98c.

Ladies' Taffeta Silk, Natural Wood, Silver Mounts, $1.98, worth $2.50.

Ladies' Tape Border Taffeta, Horn and Pearl Handles, only $2.49.

Together with an endless variety of Ladies' and Gents' Silk Umbrellas in extra fine Handles from $2.00 to $6.00 each.

Napkins, all linen, at 63c, $1.25, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75, to $3.50 per dozen.

LINENS. LINENS.

Elegant White Hemstitched Towels, all linen, at 25c.

Elegant Fringed Towels, all linen, at 25c.

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, all linen, at 25c.

All White and Fancy Bordered Table Covers at $1.49, 2 1-2 yards long.

Bleached Damask Linen Sets only $2.49.

BLANKETS.

Extra all Wool Blankets, fancy borders, at $1.98 and up to $12.00 pair. (See window.)

Don't forget too, that we are selling Elegant Black and Colored Dress Goods and Handsome Plaids.

Cook, Taylor & Co.

CENTRAL STREET STORE.

Christmas

—AT—

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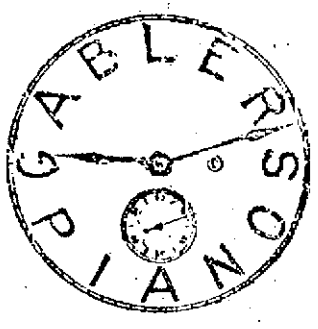
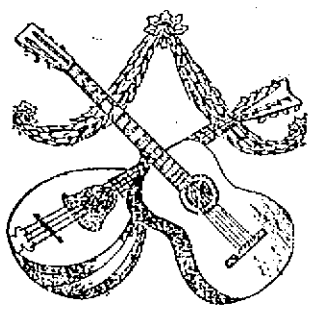


HAPPY HAPPENINGS AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

Christmas shopping is never complete without visiting a music store. Months ago we anticipated the musical demands of Lowell. We are just loaded with Pianos, different makes, grades and prices. In this assortment you can be satisfied.

Steinway, Hardman, Gabler, Standard and Singer

INSTRUMENTS.



MUSIC BOXES.

The Regina, $7 upwards,
Music Rolls,
Violin, Guitar and Mandolin cases,
Music Stands,
Violins, Guitars, Banjos,
Mandolins, Accordeons,
All kinds of strings, etc. etc.

The Pianola

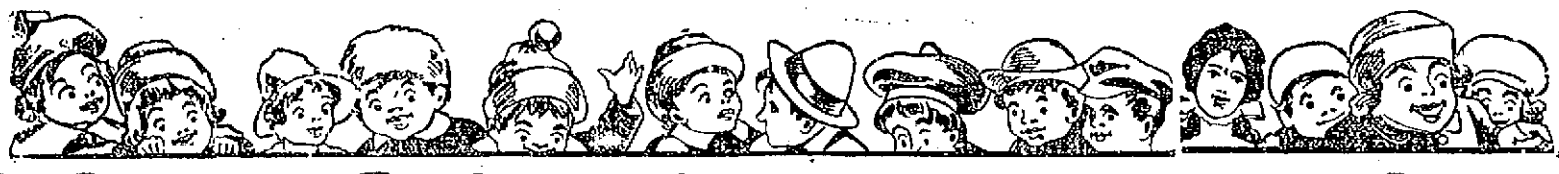
As a Christmas gift it means years of entertainment and education. Any member of the family can play it, and its refining influences cannot be overestimated.

PIANOLAS.

M. Steinert & Sons Co.

130 Merrimack Street. Operate 18 Stores. Established 40 Years.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL XMAS.



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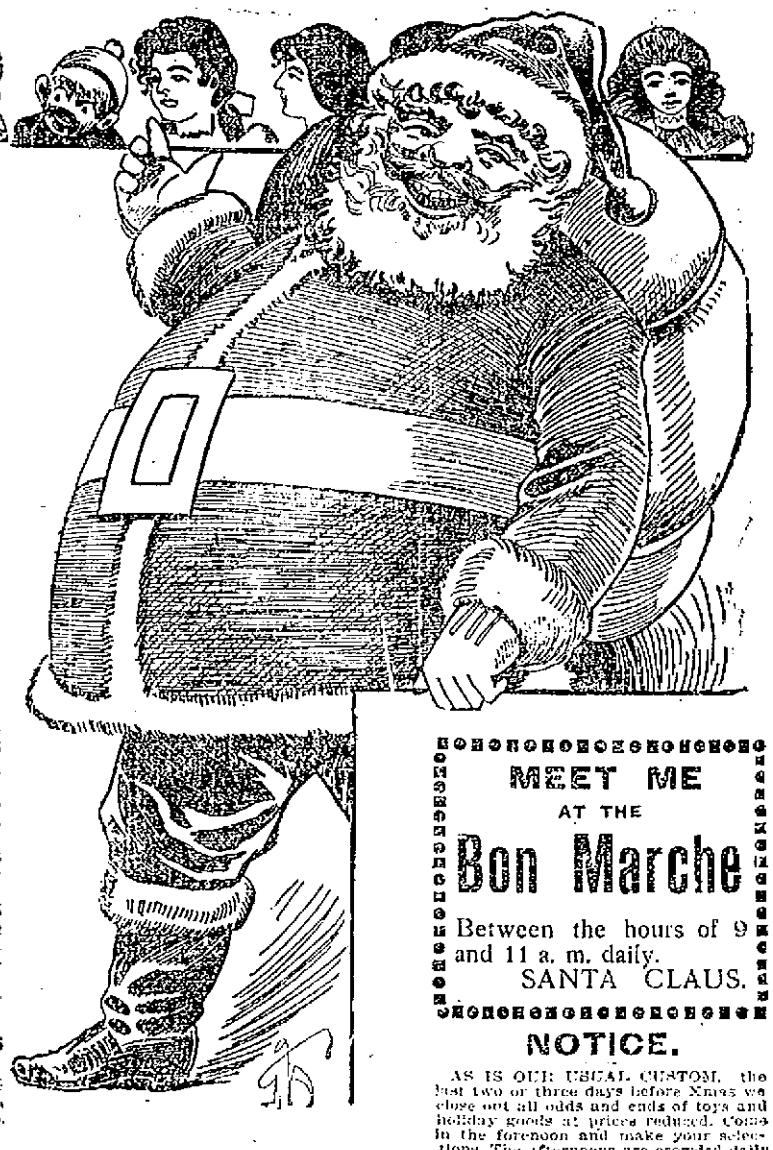


That we are headquarters for Toys, Dolls and Xmas Novelties. Now we want to talk on more staple lines, which make sensible gifts—such as BOOTS AND SHOES, Slippers, Leggings, Gaiters, Overshoes, Rubber Boots, Furs, Tea Gowns, Petticoats, Silk Waists, Cloaks, Umbrellas, Furniture, Blankets, Comforters, Men's Furnishings, Art Goods, Kid Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear, Infants' and Children's Wear, Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Neckwear, Mufflers, Leather Goods, Pictures, Easels, Chairs, Dress Patterns, Mackintoshes, White Skirts, Night Robes and Fine Underwear, Ribbons, Feather Boas and Neck Ruches, Jet Belts, Aprons, Knit Goods and many other things too numerous to mention. Following are a few good things for holiday trade.

SHOE DEPT.

We have not gone out of the shoe business. Nay, nay! We have a grander stock than ever before. Trade is good. We are happy and anxious to make you happy, too, by giving you good trades.

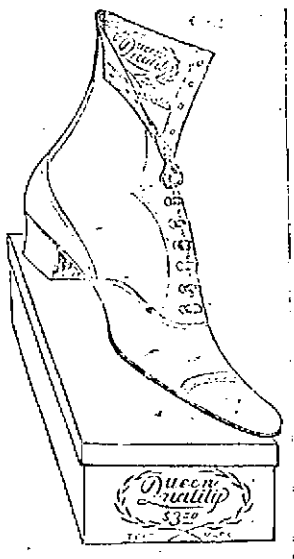
"Queen Quality" Shoes are made to fit the different types of feet. Are pretty to look at, delightful to wear. Sold only at our department.

$3 a pair

SLIPPERS.

They are going fast. A stack sold on Saturday, but have replenished stock this week. Ladies' slippers at $1.49 includes all the latest ideas in felts and leather, fur trimmed and opera shapes.

Ladies' Slippers at 98c embraces a large assortment of handsome goods in Romeos, Juliets, strap sandals, etc., fur trimmed, and otherwise. You may see these elsewhere at $1.25.



SOROSIS SHOES. The new shoes for women. Mandish lasts in all styles, heavy, medium and light weight. Tan, brown, and black. Also Storm Shoes, cut 10 inches long, heavy soles. We are sole agents. All styles. One price

$3.50 pair

SLIPPERS.

Ladies' Slippers, 19c, include all kinds of house slippers, in felt and leather, plain opens, bow strap slippers, etc., at bargain.

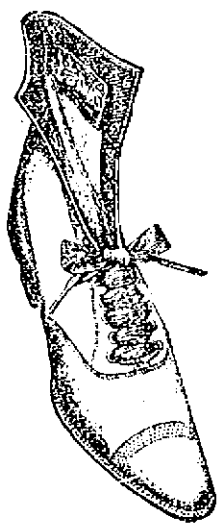
Men's Slippers at $1.49 takes in all the new ones, leather in all colors, new cuts and trimmings, dainty yet comfortable. See the line.

Men's Slippers at 98c. Our popular school, 12 different styles to choose from. Leather in all shades. Made just like the higher grade goods and are bargains at the price.

NOW LISTEN! We have "launched" 1,00, condemned, several lines of velvet embroidered slippers into 2 lots to make a hurrah and close out with a shout, every pair by Saturday night.

Lot 1—All slippers which were 98c and over to go now at per pair,

73 cents



Lot 2—All 89c and 79c Slippers to go at per pair

49 cents

Boys' and Girls' Slippers in the newest cut, all colors, etc., 49c to 89c. Pretty things.

Ladies' fleeced Leggings in all lengths, full or half button. Our price

$1.23

Misses' fleeced Jersey Leggings all lengths. Same as ladies' only

98 cents

Children's fleeced Jersey Leggings, full length. Our price

75 cents

Boys' Grain Leather Faunticroy Leggings, in new tan shades, only

$1.25

Ladies' Gaiters (black only) in all lengths, 7 and 10 button, all prices, commencing at 19c and run up to $1.50. A big line.

Ladies' High Overshoes. New things, in button and buckle.

Button in best grade

$1.75

Buckle in best grade

$2.00

Boys' Rubber Boots in knee or Storm King pattern, and a few men's also. Get our prices before buying.

MEET ME AT THE Bon Marche

Between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. daily.

SANTA CLAUS.

NOTICE.

AS IS OUR USUAL CUSTOM, the last two or three days before Xmas we close out all odds and ends of toys and holiday goods at prices reduced. Come in the forenoon and make your selections. The afternoons are crowded daily

APRONS.

A splendid assortment. Prices very reasonable.

Lawn Aprons, hamburg-trimmed, only 19c.

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RESCUED THE GUNS

Report That Gen. Buller Called for Volunteers

To Retake Guns at Midnight From Where They Were Abandoned—More of the Battle of Tugela River — War Department Denounced

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special [illegible] that th longer range [illegible] river patch from Durban, Natal, dated [illegible] urday, December 16, says it is rumored that General Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns which were uninjured.

HOW BULLER WAS DUPED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Further accounts of the Tugela river battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were intrenched along a series of low lying hills, immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers also were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clearer that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing that the latter out-ranged the British ordnance, which in spite of numerical superiority, was wholly inadequate to reply to the long range Boer guns.

The British war office comes in for scathing denunciation from the Times today for not providing effective artillery. It is pointed out in this con- [illegible] was no news this morning to enlighten the general situation. The war office reported that Gen. French Monday December 18, after shelling Jasfontein farm, three miles eastward of the Boer position, the New Zealanders advanced and occupied the farm. The Boer guns then opened and advanced to the attack, so General French ordered a retirement.

MORE OF TUGELA RIVER BATTLE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns that General Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a dispatch to the Associated Press, from Durban, sent on the evening of the battle, and which has just been received here, the guns remained where they were left by the British troops and were covered by the heavy guns of General Hildyard's brigade, occupying an intrenched position. The dispatch adds that the Boers have not thus far attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns.

Advices to the Associated Press from Pretoria under the same date, says than an official Boer dispatch reports that two guns, thirteen wagons and a quantity of ammunition were captured besides 208 prisoners.

HE ADMITS DEFEAT

Mabini Member of the Filipino Cabinet Talks

Says All Now Depends on Kind of Government the U. S. Establishes—Natives Arrested on Charges of Conspiracy

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered the strongest and brainiest follower of the insurrection, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press at Manila yesterday:

"The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the Americans establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions of war and mismanaged our affairs. But the spirit of independence is craving for recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, secure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no trouble. If it is otherwise, the people will be dissatisfied and will materially and mentally sympathize and aid in the revolutionary movement which will surely occur sooner or later. Without the people's support, such a movement is impossible. Everything depends on what the Americans do. The guerrilla warfare will be easily terminated if the people do not support it, which they will not do if they are satisfied. If otherwise, it is possible to prolong it indefinitely. I believe the Filipino people should be counselled as to the nature and details of the government to be established. If the war results in the recognition of our desires rights and necessities as a people to be governed, it will not have been in vain.

Mabini spoke unofficially, expressing his own opinions.

The Panay insurgents are being driven out of the islands by General Hughes and are passing to Negros, where they are creating trouble. Two hundred recent arrivals there from Panay ambushed Lieut. A. C. Ledyard, with a party of 16 men of the 6th infantry. It was in this fight that Lieut. Ledyard was killed, falling in the second volley.

Col. Smith, governor of Negros island has been obliged to arrest several prominent natives on charges of conspiracy. The native municipal constabulary in three towns recently mutinied and went into the mountains, but the native soldiery are reported loyal.

BAD CANADA BILLS

Two Men Charged With Lettering Them

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—George E. Litchfield, printer, at 115 High street, this city residing at North Weymouth, and Porter N. Bliss, photographer, at 413 Washington street, living at Wollaston, were held yesterday to the U. S. grand jury, by U. S. Commissioner Fiske, on the charge of uttering counterfeit Canadian $1, $2 and $5 bills.

Litchfield and Bliss were arrested about 10 days ago after the confession of William Davis, the Winthrop counterfeiter who was arrested at Guthrie, Ok., and pleaded guilty and is now serving four years in state prison. Davis was in court yesterday in custody of U. S. Marshal Darling and testified against Bliss and Litchfield.

The hearing was quite a lengthy one, beginning at 11 a. m. and lasting until nearly 6 p. m.

Litchfield and Bliss are out on $2500 bail.

Davis told of his relations with the defendants and of conversations had with them. He met Bliss in October, 1898, and Litchfield later. About the first of the year witness and Chisholm (the latter is serving a sentence in Canada) called on Litchfield and had a talk about plates. Chisholm gave Litchfield $5 and subsequently gave him $6 for inks, etc.

Chisholm furnished all the money to meet expenses incurred in making the counterfeit bills. The money was sent to witness either by express or by money orders. Witness met Litchfield several times, by appointment or casually. Litchfield broke many appointments, but always kept those which witness had money to give him. In February Litchfield and another man came to witness house and asked for $25. They were under the influence of liquor. Witness gave Litchfield $1.

Witness bought a press and had it installed in a house in Winthrop, where he lived with Ann Hubert, who is also under indictment. Litchfield went to the house several times. The first time he was there impressions were made, but as they were no good they were destroyed. The third time Litchfield was there more impressions were made, but the paper was poor, so the bills were destroyed.

Litchfield said he would have nothing further to do with the scheme after he had got about $50 or $60. No counterfeit money was made by Litchfield which was put in circulation. Bliss was very made in his presence which was circulated. On both occasions when impressions were made the paper was destroyed because of unsatisfactory results.

BOXING STOPPED

ST. LOUIS WANTS NO MORE OF THE GAME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—The police board has issued an order to Chief Campbell to stop all boxing contests that may in the future be proposed, whether before a bona fide athletic club or otherwise, where the contest is for a money purse or in what professional fighters are to be engaged. This is the direct result of the Melse fatality at the Fourteenth Street Theatre.

The directors of the St. Louis Exposition company have decided not to rent the Coliseum building hereafter to organizations giving exhibitions smacking of prize fighting.

Coal that will burn is the kind sold by W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorn-like Street. Promptly and carefully delivered.

A ROUGH VOYAGE

Transport Sikh Had an Exciting Experience

WAS BATTERED BY THE WAVES

She Lay Helpless for 43 Hours

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A special from San Francisco, says:

After a most tempestuous voyage across the Pacific, the transport Sikh arrived here today, three days overdue. The trip from Manila was one of the stormiest yet encountered by the Sikh and she came into port badly battered by the waves and wind. On December sixth, the boat was struck by a storm that continued to rage for many days. The gale tore the funnel loose, broke the cables that support the after mast and the foremast was half torn from its stays. As a last resort, the Sikh was headed into the wind for safety. For forty-four hours the ship lay helpless with the engines going at half speed without gaining a mile. At first the funnel was made fast during the gale, being secured by guy ropes. The masts were made fast in the same manner and the vessel made its way to port.

By the transport Rio Janeiro were received the first details of the recent Filipino attack at the Cavite navy yard. The insurgents planned an attack on Fort Rice, and under cover of this, which they thought would draw all the American troops to that point, they proposed to steal over from Cavite Viejo in a fleet of boats and capture the navy yard and arsenal. Everything proceeded as planned and the rebels in small boats were only a little from shore when they encountered danger from an unexpected quarter. The searchlight of the gunboat Petrel beamed upon them. Then well aimed shots from the Petrel caused the rebels to turn about in hot haste and the Filipinos pulled desperately to reach shore. One 8-pound shell from the Petrel struck an insurgent boat amidships, knocked it to splinters and killed every rebel on board. The others were beached near the mouth of a creek and the Filipinos scattered inland.

From trustworthy sources it was learned that the two companies of Montana volunteers who came back from Manila on the transport Zealandia brought back with them $157,000 in gold and Mexican silver. This treasure was first discovered by two men at Caloocan. They were the first to enter the Filipino town which was very rich. They entered a mansion but found the place deserted. In the garden they saw traces of earth having been recently disturbed. Digging down they discovered a chest which contained thousands of dollars in gold coin. The men who found the gold treasure took all they could carry. Then they uncovered a large chest full of Mexican dollars.

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IRISH SYMPATHY

Is With the Boers in Their Struggle

MASS MEETING OF HIBERNIANS

Will Soon be Held in Chicago

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—"So far as I have been able to observe, the Irishmen in the different parts of this country are in entire sympathy with the Boers in the war with England. This sympathy they have chosen, and I think the movement will not go further than this, to manifest by passing resolutions and providing money for the equipment for hospital, ambulance and surgical departments."

This is the statement of John Keating president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The action taken by the local order in Chicago and that of St. Louis has not ended the movement in this matter. The united societies of this city have determined to hold a mass meeting on January 5, at which time there will be speechmaking and a general expression of feelings of the Irishmen of Chicago toward the people of the Transvaal. And what is more important than this in the eyes of those interested in this phase of the matter, the national officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are arranging for a special meeting shortly after the beginning of the year and probably just prior to the Chicago mass-meeting. It is predicted by Mr. Keating that plans will be set on foot by this conference looking toward a united expression of sentiment and a co-operation in the raising of funds among Irishmen everywhere in the United States and Canada.

"The Irish in America took a decided stand on this question at the very start," said Mr. Keating, "and they have made their position so plain that there is no questioning their attitude. They look upon the people of the Transvaal as a race struggling for a sort of liberty, for which the Irish has been fighting and working for so many years.

"In my opinion the expressions given thus far, both by the Chicago society and by the St. Louis Hibernians are criterions of the trend which the final and united action will take. Evidently the Boers have men enough. What they might use is aid for the wounded.

"We do not want to come into conflict with the laws of the country and it is not desired that there should be a conflict with the Federal government and so it has been deemed best that aid be furnished under the banner of the Red Cross. Neither England or the United States can refuse to pass this emblem beyond the lines, and undoubtedly the Irish-American sentiment will spend itself in this way."

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for New England: Fair tonight and Thursday; winds mostly light to fresh westerly.

SHIPMENT OF GOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., will ship $500,000 gold by the steamer Southwark, sailing for Europe today. The gold is in double eagles.

WERE INGRATES

Italians Turned on Men Who Saved Them

ONE RESCUER SERIOUSLY INJURED

An Engine Was Bearing Down on Italians

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—John Nicholson, a special policeman employed by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, and James Henderson, employed by the same company, as a switchman, saved six Italians from being run down by a switch engine at the Polk street crossing last night. In return for their valor they were attacked by the Italians, all of whom carried knives. A struggle followed, during which Henderson was knocked down by his assailants and Nicholson was stabbed in the neck and cheek. It seems the Italians were standing upon a track which a switch engine was approaching and when they were passed off in time to save their lives, they resented the act and turned upon their rescuers. Nicholson is seriously wounded.

FUNERALS.

EMERSON—Impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of Rufus P. Emerson, at his late home in Chelmsford. Rev. C. E. Fisher of the First Universalist church, being the officiating clergyman. Mr. Edward B. Adams of this city sang appropriate selections. The bearers were: Perley P. Pollard, Edward F. Parker, S. W. Parkhurst, and J. Adams Bartlett. Interment was in the Chelmsford Centre cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Walter Perham.

SICARD—The funeral of Alexander Sicard, child of Napoleon and Eugeline Sicard, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his parents, 7 Clinton avenue. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Archambault.

CURLEY—Yesterday morning the funeral of Mrs. Mary Curley, wife of Thomas Curley, took place from her late home, 72 Gates street, South Boston, at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan officiating. The remains were forwarded to this city where the interment took place. The bearers were Henry Gunning, Edward Riley, Gustave Fiedel and William White. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery this city, under the direction of Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

Money deposited Wednesday Jan. 3, or before in our savings department will draw interest from Jan. 1st at rate of 4 per cent. per annum. Compounded semi-annually.

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FELL INTO CANAL

John Mack Aged 4 Has a Narrow Escape

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT CADY'S FACTORY

Operative's Toe Crushed in Lawrence Mill

This morning about 11 o'clock a youngster named John Mack, aged 4 years, while playing on the Market street bridge near Dutton, fell into the canal. He went down a couple of times, but a man who would not give his name finally succeeded in dragging him out. The ambulance was called but it was found that he was all right though very wet. The ambulance took the boy to his stable on Broadway where the attaches are trying to locate his parents.

It was later learned that the boy lived at 225 Suffolk street.

CHEEK RIPPED OPEN.

Howard Mayhury, an employe of Cady's shop in Western avenue, met with a painful accident while at work this morning. A belt hook caught in his cheek and ripped open the flesh two inches in length. He was removed to the Lowell hospital and afterward to his home.

HIS TOE CRUSHED.

While Joseph Carroll of Perkins street was doing some work in the Lawrence mills this morning, a huge weight fell on his foot almost severing one of the toes. He was taken to St. John's hospital and later to his home.

DEATHS

FINNEGAN—The many friends and acquaintances of William A. Finnegan will be pained to hear of his demise, which occurred early this morning at St. John's hospital. His death will be felt more on account of the short time he was sick. He was taken ill a week ago Sunday with symptoms of typhoid fever, which afterwards proved to be appendicitis, and was removed to St. John's hospital. His illness was of such a short duration that many of his acquaintances knew nothing about it until the sad news of his death reached them. Deceased was an honest, upright and highly respected young man, having a great number of friends and he was popular with all who came in contact with him. Deceased was born in this city and educated in the public schools. Shortly after leaving school he entered the employ of The Lowell Sun in the job department, and it was with much sorrow that his old shopmates heard the sad news. After leaving The Sun he entered the Merrimack Print Works, where he was working up to the time of his illness. He was also an usher in Music hall, and many of its patrons will miss his smiling face. Deceased was the son of James W. Finnegan, the well-known employe of the Merrimack Print Works, and Lizzie J. Finnegan. He was 19 years of age and is survived by a father and mother, two brothers, John A. and Frank, and one sister, Gertrude. The body was taken to his home, 122 Prince street, by Undertaker Molloy this morning. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

SPORDEAS—Vasilios Spordeas, aged 18 years, died yesterday at the Lowell hospital.

CLARK—Flora G. Clark, aged 39 years, widow of George A. Clark, died this morning at her home, 4 Crane avenue.

DALY—Joanna Daly, aged 82 years, died this morning at her late home, 26 Butterfield street. She is survived by three sons, Dr. James, John and Cornelius, the well-known Suffolk street druggist, and two daughters, Joanna M. Daly of this city and Mrs. Thos. Shanahan of Lawrence. The funeral will take place Friday morning from her home on Butterfield street at 8.30 o'clock. Interment will be in Lawrence.

PLIMPTON—Edward B. Plimpton, aged 78 years, died yesterday at his late residence, 6 Favor street. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of Oberlin Lodge and held many offices and was also a member of Monomake Encampment, and was at one time past grand master of the state. He was for a long period a foreman for Amasa Pratt, lumber dealer. He was also in politics, having served in both branches of the city council, and at one time he was a candidate for mayor.

NISON—Augustus G. Nison, aged 21 years, son of Frederick and Mary Nison, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 332 Lincoln street.

PLANTE—Rose Plante, wife of Joseph Plante, aged 25 years, died yesterday at her home in Tyngsboro.

PICHE—Lydia Piche, infant child of Lucien and Marie Piche, died yesterday at the home of her parents, nine Crawford avenue.

RAHALL—Rose Rahall, aged 77 years, died last night at her late home 512 Rogers street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

BRYCE'S ATTACK

ON JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ABERDEEN, Dec. 20.—Mr. James Bryce, M. P., in a speech here today, severely attacked Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies and denounced his "methods, manner and whole conduct" and said he hoped it would not much longer be possible for him to "do his best to excite hostile feeling in Germany and alienate and throw back and do all possible injury to the closest understanding between us and the United States."

AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Dec. 20.—The high school debaters were no match for the three of the Harvard freshmen debating club who discussed with them in the high school hall this question:

"Resolved, that Great Britain's claims in the present controversy with the South African republic are justifiable."

The high school men took the affirmative, while Harvard defended the cause of the Boers. It was a very interesting and instructive debate.

Hon. Joseph H. Walker presided, and announced that each of the debaters should have 12 minutes, with five additional minutes later for rebuttal.

THE GRAND JURY

Will Have Charges Against Senator Gallinger

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 20.—A special from Laconia says that the charges brought by ex-Governor C. A. Busiel and Senator W. E. Chandler against Senator J. H. Gallinger, alleging violation of the civil service laws, will be taken before the grand jury next week.

Ex-Governor Busiel says the attorney general has referred the charge against Senator Gallinger in the civil service case to United States District Attorney Hamblett who has notified me that the matter can go before the grand jury in Concord on December 27. The case is in the hands of my attorneys and they will take what steps are deemed necessary to have the matter properly presented to the grand jury.

OUT OF WORK

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SEAMSTRESSES ARE NOW IDLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—Upward of 2,500 seamstresses have been thrown out of employment by the closing of most of the departments of the Schuylkill arsenal. The order went into effect this week and the tent making department is the only one working.

The shut down is for an indefinite period and work may not be resumed until next July.

The Schuylkill depot is the largest station for the manufacture of soldiers clothing in this country and for a year and a half it has supplied the uniforms for the great majority of the army. This necessitated the employment of nearly 3,000 women who came from all parts of the city and distant cities for the work parcelled out to them.

MRS. PAINE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Louise Payne, wife of the state superintendent of insurance, died at her home in Catham this morning. She had been ill for over a year.

TRANSPORT BENNSIDE ARRIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The United States transport Burnside, Capt. Laffin, arrived this morning from San Juan, Santiago and Manzanilla with 14 cabin passengers and 59 discharged and furloughed soldiers and civilians. There was one death on board shortly after leaving San Juan. L. M. Jordan Gulick, a member of the San Juan board of education, died of meningitis, on December 11. His body was brought to this port in a metallic coffin. Among the cabin passengers were Lieut. F. Parker, B. K. Ashford and F. L. Wells and Miss Ramsay, daughter of Admiral Ramsay.

TYREL'S STORY

Handwriting Expert Testifies in Molineux Case

POINTS OUT SEVERAL PECULIARITIES

Recorder Goff Objected to Osborne's Questions

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—John F. Tyrrel, a handwriting expert, was recalled to the stand in the Molineux trial today. He was asked by Assistant District Attorney Osborne to point out some of the peculiarities he had found in the defendant's writing. He said the first and most prominent characteristic he observed was that much of the writing was vertical without having any of the vertical styles usually accompanying such writing. The witness also called attention to the capital stem used throughout the writing and to what he termed the pen habits. As had been done by expert Kinsley, this witness also called special attention to the "break" in the words whenever a letter beginning with an oval line was used. The dotting of the letter "I" was also commented upon. Mr. Tyrrel said the dotting of the "I" indicated that the writer completed his word and often his sentence before going back to dot the "I." Mr. Kinsley testified that the writer in his opinion invariably stopped to dot the "I" before completing a word. During the examination of the witness, expert Kinsley came into the room and took a seat among the spectators. When Mr. Tyrrel concluded his recital of the peculiarities which he thought most prominent, he was asked by Mr. Osborne to make a few illustrations on the paper-covered blackboard. The recorder objected to this.

Mr. Osborne asked that the witness be allowed to make one or two demonstrations and such permission was granted. Mr. Tyrrel then drew a series of illustrations showing the position in which the writer of the poison package address held his pen and hand while writing that address.

Mr. Weeks asked that the witness be directed by the court to make certain measurements of his illustration, but the recorder replied: "The court will make no suggestions to expert witnesses."

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; westerly winds.

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HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU

that men today wear more colored Shirts than white ones?

We know the popularity of the colored Shirt, for we've sold out our entire fall purchase and have called for and received our Spring goods.

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SOME OTHER LITTLE THINGS men must have, but don't always remember to get them in season, and then frantically telephone us to "Send up quickly"—FULL DRESS THINGS. What we have are of the best, and only those that are correct find a place here.

Fine Dress Shirts, white, with cuffs attached.

Fine white dimity and black peau de soie Batwing Cravats.

Perrin Freres and Fowne's white and pearl Dress Gloves, silvered and pearl fasteners.

Satin Dress Shields. E. & W. latest Cuffs and Collars. Everything men wear, even to Evening Suits, Tail Coats or Dinner Jackets.

Change anything he doesn't like.

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THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Maguire Stabbing Case Settled in Court Today

THE DEFENDANT DID NOT STAB BROTHER

Latter Said He Fell on Tobacco Knife

The case of George F. Maguire charged with stabbing his brother, John Maguire, was tried in the police court before Judge Hadley this morning. The case had been continued many times, the alleged victim having been confined to St. John's hospital since the day the assault is alleged to have been committed, Sunday, November 12th. The defendant had previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery and was defended by D. J. Donahue, Esq.

The first and principal witness heard for the government was John Maguire, the alleged victim. He said that on the day he was stabbed he was in his house in a court off Church street. Three children of the witness and his brother, the defendant, were also tere. Witness was under the influence of liquor, he said, and remembers that he was very angry and said many unpleasant things to his brother. Witness had a knife in his hand and was cutting some tobacco. He was sitting on the bed and remembered getting up and starting to go to another room where his brother was. In some way, he did not know just how, he got tripped and fell forward. He held the knife in the right hand and when he struck the floor the knife was under him and the blade of the same stuck into his body in the left side. When the wound was inflicted, witness screamed for help and said his brother and others in the house at the time rushed to his assistance. His father thought he had been stabbed and ran out of the house in search of an officer. He found Officer Holland and brought him to the house. He told the officer his son had been stabbed. Witness denied that anybody stabbed him. He said the wound was inflicted by his falling on the knife as he already told.

There was no cross-examination.

Dr. George L. Black, house physician at St. John's hospital, testified as to the nature of Maguire's wound. He said it might have been caused by a tobacco knife. The doctor said that Mr. Maguire is now out of danger.

Inspector Laflamme was the last witness heard. He was present with Inspector Allen when the latter arrested the defendant. The latter said that the defendant claimed that he and his brother had a little quarrel at the dinner table and John chased him with a fork. He tripped and fell on the fork and in this way the wound was inflicted.

There were two other witnesses yet to be heard for the government but at this point, Deputy Moffatt stated that as their evidence would throw no light on the case, he asked that the case be closed, saying that he did not think there was evidence enough to find probable cause.

Lawyer Donahue, counsel for the defence, had nothing to say.

The court ordered the defendant found not guilty and discharged. He has been committed to jail since November 12th, the day of the alleged stabbing.

The case of Frank Riley, charged with larceny from Abraham Stein, a second hand clothing dealer on Middlesex street, was continued till Friday next for trial. The defendant was held in $200. He secured bail.

John J. Moriarty had a high old time for himself yesterday but the ending was most disastrous to him. He came up from Lawrence armed with a 32-calibre revolver in search of a man named Peter Bowles, who boarded at 85 Suffolk street, and who, Moriarty claimed owed him a small amount of money. Bowles and Moriarty had lived together in Lawrence for some time, but Monday they had a quarrel and separated. Moriarty heard that Bowles came to Lowell and was stopping at 85 Suffolk street and he was determined to follow him.

The house referred to on Suffolk street is occupied by one Mrs. Fleming. She was there with her little daughter when Moriarty called early last night. He asked if Bowles was there. When told he wasn't, he called Mrs. Fleming a liar and then drew a revolver from his hip pocket and said he would shoot Bowles if he found him. He went through every room in the house, flashing the revolver in all directions. The woman and her young daughter were greatly frightened especially after they had been told by Moriarty that the pistol was loaded and they were afraid he might shoot one of them. Moriarty at length left the house, but said he would return and added that if he found Bowles he would surely kill him. When he went out, the little girl notified Officer Redmond Welch who located Moriarty and finding him under the influence of liquor and the revolver on his person, placed him under arrest.

The court imposed a fine of $5 for drunkenness and ordered Moriarty in $100 to keep the peace for six months.

The continued case of Bridget McGovern, charged with illegal keeping of liquor was put over once more, this time for another week.

The old cases of Celia E. Conners and Jeremiah Frazier, charged with illegal keeping of liquor, were placed on file.

The case of Constable Lawrence E. Lynch of Tewksbury, charged with assault and battery, on a small boy, was continued another week for trial.

The case of James E. Adams, Robert Leatham and William McBride, composing the Berwick club of Chelmsford, who are charged with illegal keeping of liquor, was also continued. This case was put over till Friday on agreement of counsel for both parties.

Napoleon Coutu, charged with illegal keeping of liquor, was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $50. An appeal was taken and Coutu was held in $300 for the superior court.

A cow case came next. In this case Samuel Cohen was charged with the larceny of a cow from Cyrus E. Allen of Dunstable. Cohen pleaded not guilty and was represented by John J. Harvey, Esq., while D. J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the government.

Mr. Allen, the complainant, testified that last January he and Mr. Cohen swapped cows. About three months after the trade was made, Mr. Cohen wanted to swap cows again, which witness refused to do. Besides his cow, the defendant was to give witness $30 for the latter's cow. He paid him $16, and was to pay the remainder later. He refused to pay the remainder, because he said, the cow was not giving as much milk as when he first took the cow. Mr. Allen waited for the money due him until last October when he became convinced that Cohen did not intend to pay him. He then went to Cohen's pasture and took the cow to his own pasture. Cohen had witness subsequently brought into court at Ayer Junction for alleged larceny, but Allen was found not guilty and discharged. On December 2, witness claimed, Cohen went to his pasture and removed the cow. Witness says he has never received the $15 due him. That amount was to be paid in ten dys when the trade was made.

The cow case was rested for a few minutes while "Kitty" Mayo was arraigned for alleged larceny from Mr. Thomas Davis of Bridge street. She was held in $200 till tomorrow for trial.

The cow case was then resumed.

The court found Cohen guilty and fined him $10.

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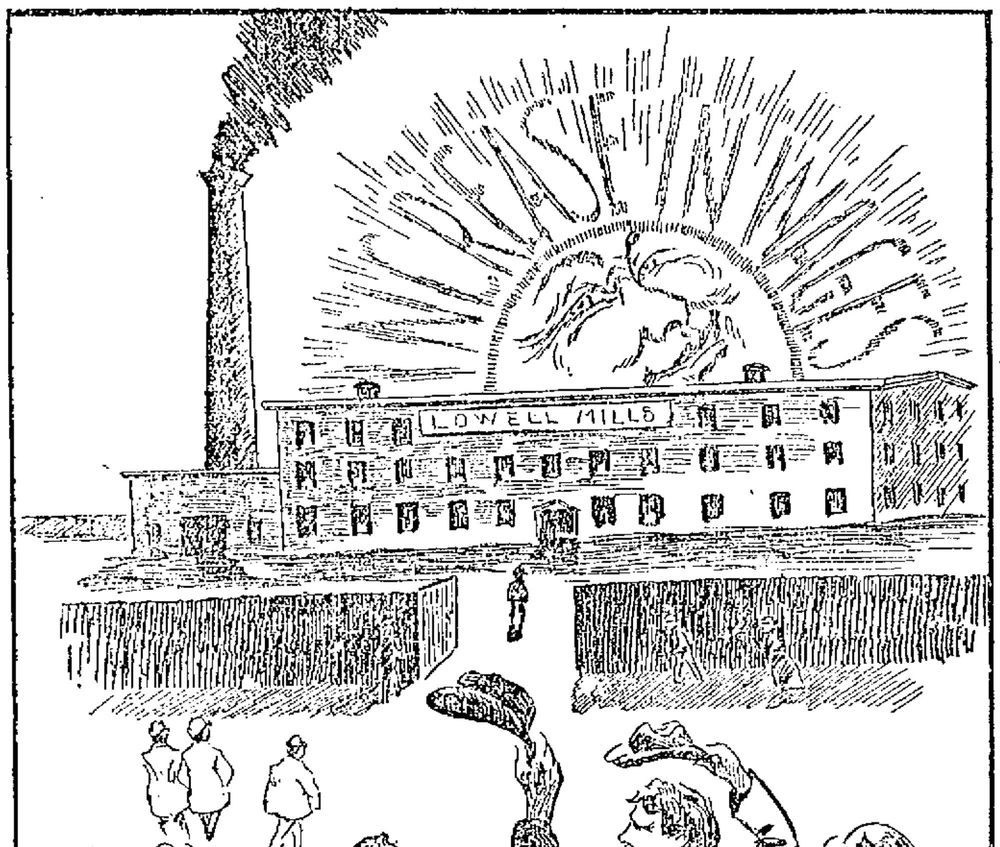

A WELCOME SIGHT FOR THE MILL OPERATIVES OF LOWELL.

Y. M. C. I. BOWLING.

In the Y. M. C. I. tournament last evening, Team Two defeated Team Eight by 173 pins, the third string being the only one which was any way close. The score:

TEAM TWO.

Sheehy	113	118	108—[illegible]
Clark	147	12[illegible]	150—[illegible]
Kerwin	115	174	102—391
Long	175	117	108—[illegible]
McQuade	112	110	143—[illegible]
Totals	709	[illegible]	[illegible]—[illegible]

TEAM EIGHT.

Burns	157	172	177—506
Dungan	121	[illegible]	1[illegible]—[illegible]
Sullivan	[illegible]	98	[illegible]—[illegible]
*Sweeney	1[illegible]	100	10[illegible]—[illegible]
O'Brien	100	101	154—351
Totals	575	612	662—1852

*Absent.

GUS RUHLIN

DEFEATED "STOCINKGS" CONROY LAST NIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Gus Ruhlin, the Akron, O., "Giant" who has aspirations for heavyweight champion honors, defeated "Stockings" Conroy of Troy, N. Y., in seven rounds before the Broadway A. C. last night. Conroy put up a game battle and sent in some fearful rights on Ruhlin's ribs and over the kidneys but he was unable to withstand the big Ohians bruising swings and jabs and was almost out when Referee Charley White stopped the bout when the seventh round had almost been completed. There was a large delegation of Trojan sporting men around the ringside and they placed some fair-sized amounts on their townsman taking odd of 100 to 40. They also bet even money that Conroy would last ten rounds or more and lost a tidy sum on this score also.

ALTAR BOYS' BANQUET.

Rev. Michael Ronan, pastor of St. Peter's church, will give a banquet to the altar boys of that church Wednesday evening, Dec. 26th in the fair hall on Gorham street. A vocal and musical program is now being arranged by the altar boys.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

MAJOR TAYLOR

HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO RIDE IN FRANCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Love of fame and a thirst for coin have conquered the religious scruples of Major Taylor, the colored cycling wonder, who in the past has declined many tempting offers to race in France because Sunday is the great race day there.

But the Major did not permit his Puritanical ideas to succumb without a struggle. He was confronted with stern hard facts, chief among them the knowledge that the American field was practically closed to him and that he must either race in France on Sundays or not race at all.

Not even a spurious promise of immense financial gains was needed to induce the major to go to France and ride next season. The report that he was offered $10,000 is a fable. The sum the major is to get is really comparatively small.

Victor Breyer, of Paris, editor of Le Velo, the French daily devoted to cycling, is the immediate cause of the collapse of the major's religious scruples. He and the colored boy had a long talk in Boston last week, and before he sails for home the Frenchman expects to have bound the major hand and foot by an iron-clad contract.

"Taylor," said Mr. Breyer yesterday, "must agree to come and come at once, or by compact with the National Cycling Association, which we shall soon make, he will be barred from riding in France altogether. We will then recieve only such riders as are in good standing with the National Cycling association.

"In France, I am convinced, Taylor would be a tremendous success. He is the best advertised rider now on the American tracks. The papers of our country have all been speculating for months on his probable appearance in France.

"To tell you the truth, we would not give one penny for the appearance of Cooper, Kiser or Gardiner at a French meet, but with Taylor it is an altogether different subject. He would be a real attraction. His first race meet would be one of the best ever seen in France. Should he be beaten his star would, of course, set, but should he win, his drawing power would be unlimited.

"The other American riders will have to earn their way in France, but Taylor is already an assured success."

THE HORSFORD'S PARTY.

When you hear the famous Contossel band, you may bet they are out for something grand, and when The Horsford's hold their first big poverty dance, there'll be a hot time in Associate hall that night. On Thursday evening the Horsfords will hold forth with a grand street parade early in the evening led by the famous Contessel band, the party will be a poverty and character affair, and will include a cake walk led by Johnnie Curry, the midget, and a prize walk between John Sligo and Mike Finegan.

IRON WORKS

WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACT GOES UNDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Harry A. Parr was appointed receiver for the Columbian iron works and dry dock company late yesterday afternoon.

The receiver was appointed by consent. In the petition it is alleged that the company's obligations aggregate between $225,000 and $250,000, including about $172,000 in notes held by banks and indorsed by former Mayor William F. Malster, the president of the company; by Christian Devries, the president of the Chas. A. Vogeler company, which assigned today, and by Mr. Parr. The company is insolvent, it is stated, and has no available cash.

In the answer of the company it is stated that it has a large claim against the federal government for work done by it in constructing vessels and that if sufficient time is allowed to finish its work under existing contracts, it will be able to pay all its obligations.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

LAWRENCE MEN

Organize to Help the Boers to Victory

WITH MEN, MONEY AND ARMS

Other Meetings to be Held Later on

TWO ORGANIZATIONS OFFER MEN

To Volunteer for Service With the Boers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 20.—Representatives of the leading Irish societies met last night to take steps toward assisting the Boers in their war with England.

Ex-Mayor John Breen presided, and a dozen societies were represented, including three divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Councilman Edward C. Callahan was elected secretary, and C. J. Casey, president.

The meeting was a secret one, but the presiding officer said afterwards that the societies represented would do everything in their power to help the Boers, not alone financially, but with arms and men if necessary.

He said the movement was in sympathy with one which extends over the entire country. Another meeting will be held Friday evening, at which leaders in the movement from western cities will be present.

The presiding officer further said that a military company will be formed from the present Grattan Guards and Hibernian Rifles, to be used for such purposes as the organization may direct.

MAN KILLED

STRUCK BY A TIMBER AT NORTH CAMBRIDGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Nazro Peloquin, 41, of Seville street, North Cambridge, who has been employed as a foreman by L. P. Soule & Son, Dorchester for 20 years while at work on a new building on Pemberton square, yesterday was struck by a piece of timber, badly fracturing his skull. He was removed to the Emergency hospital, where his skull was trepanned. Late yesterday afternoon he died at the hospital as a result of his injuries, never having regained consciousness.

At the same time, Wilbur McHaye, 51, of 96 Chelsea street, East Boston, a carpenter, employed at the same place, was struck by the end of the same plank, sustaining a lacerated wound of the scalp, necessitating ten stitches. Both men were brought to the hospital in the same ambulance.

ARM REBROKEN.

Jack Moffatt, the Chicago man who broke his arm while boxing George Gardner of Lowell last week, had to have the arm rebroken and reset at Chicago Monday, as it was imperfectly set at New York.

LABOR RALLY HELD

In the Interest of Textile Organization

IN LOOMFIXERS' HALL LAST NIGHT

Addresses Made by Well Known Labor Men

Loomfixers' hall was well filled last night, when the first of a series of rallies in the interests of textile organization was held under the auspices of the Lowell Textile Council. D. J. Morrow, president of the council, presided and in opening he spoke of the purposes of the meeting. He said that, while Lowell had been active in the work of organizing in the past two years there still remained unimproved opportunities. He then introduced James Whitehead of Fall River, secretary of the Textile Federation, as the first speaker. Mr. Whitehead said substantially:

"The treasurer's statement shows a surplus in our organization of $44,000 and this can be used at any time the occasion demands. I believe in the idea of having a surplus account in case of a strike. What could be done without it? That should be the one aim of any organization of this kind, as organization is practically powerless without it.

"In Fall River we are well supplied with labor organizations and that is one reason that we are called the battling ground of the New England states. We acted in this matter largely as the result of the movement made by the mill agents. We wanted to organize in a way so as to meet the work that was intended to be accomplished by their organization.

"We all know that at the present time the cotton market is in excellent shape. As a result, the mills are running on night time and we find that it has been to a certain extent compulsory to work at night. We intend to put a stop to this night work in Fall River even if it is necessary to strike. We have stopped three mills in this way and we intend to stop them all. This schedule which makes it necessary for an operative to work until 10 o'clock and in some cases all night is not in the interests of the operatives, but rather of the mill officials."

James Tansey, president of the Textile council of Fall River, said in the course of an interesting address: "I am surprised that the Lowell operatives have taken so little interest in the movement for their rights. I maintain that it should not be necessary for any labor leader to have to take the public platform and speak on what is to be done in the interests of operatives.

"The textile organizations stand better today in every way than they ever have and it is due perhaps to the demand made by them recently that the advance in wages became general. You all know the struggle that we had and you are familiar with the story of how one large employer came to our assistance. But had there been no textile council you would not have found any improvement in our financial condition. Is there any place in the country where there has been an advance of 22½ per cent. within a few months? I do not think so. Organization is alone responsible for it. You should get together in your city as we have done. I know that you have made rapid strides in the past two years, but there is still room for improvement.

"Every member should take an active interest in his organization. He should do mission work during the day time when he comes into contact with his fellow workers. Do not depend on one man to do all the work. If you do not advocate organizations you are to be held responsible for any imposition on the part of the mill agents.

"In justice to the fair employer the operatives ought to organize. They should organize to strike a blow at those who are not fair and thus advance the generous employer's interests."

Oliver Christian of the Weavers' Union of Fall River spoke in the French tongue and from the applause made an interesting address.

CARPENTERS ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Carpenters' union held last night, the following officers were chosen: President, Joseph Convery; vice-president, Alexander Craig; recording secretary, John N. Emerson; financial secretary, Frank A. Kapler; treasurer, Donald McFagden; warden, William Bouchard; trustees, David Decelle and Joseph McDonald; auditing committee, Charles Corain.

STEAM AND GAS FITTERS.

A regular meeting of the Steam and Gas Fitters' union was held last night and was largely attended. Fifteen candidates were admitted to membership. It is requested that all members be present at the next regular meeting of the union, which will be held Tuesday evening next, in the quarters of the Journeymen Plumbers' union, Barrister's hall at 8 o'clock.

S. P. PIKE'S MARKET.

What would Christmas be without Pike's Public Market? They have always made great preparations for this greatest of all holidays, the Christmas time, and this year by far surpasses all previous efforts in point of decorating. The mammoth market is beautifully decorated with variegated colored streamers and the effect is grand. The work shows the skill of the clerks in the market and with the glare of the electric lights and grand display of poultry and meats and game of all kinds, it is one of bewildering beauty. And the thing that brings joy to the heart is the low prices. It surely indicates that the poorest in the land as well as the richest can enjoy a good Christmas dinner if they only trade with the Public Market, Prescott St.

GOMPERS AGAIN

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF LABOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

BIG DIAMOND LOST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Not since a man stuck a sheet of paper coated with molasses on the window of a Maiden lane diamond store and then hit the paper with a brick has there been so much excitement in that gem-lined thoroughfare as there was last evening.

It was not because of thieves, for the "dead line" keeps them out, but because of two messenger boys who lost a package containing a diamond ring worth $331.50.

News of the loss spread with the rapidity of lightning and everybody turned out to hunt for the package. They failed to find it.

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A SHREWD WOMAN

Mrs. James R. Keen Gets $2,500,000

HUSBAND MADE $5,000,000

Operators Not Likely to See Money Again

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—While Wall street speculators bewailed the losses yesterday by the shrinkage of the value of the stocks they held, every one of them agreed that the biggest winners were: James R. Keene, $2,500,000; Mrs. James R. Keene, $2,500,000.

Mr. Keene won the whole $5,000,000. Wall street may get one-half of it back if the wise operators catch him "napping" some day. But Wall street will never get the other half, because Mrs. Keene doesn't play stocks except in a manner unknown to Wall street.

She is a sort of partner of Mr. Keene in all his ventures. She is not a full partner, because she never shares the losses of the firm. But one-half of Mr. Keene's winnings is hers to keep forever, by virtue of an agreement made between them years ago. It has been faithfully kept and Mrs. Keene, by reason of the shrewdness of her husband is $2,500,000 richer than she was a few months ago.

BOTH CLAIM HER

Lowell Man Married to a Supposed Widow

BUT HER FIRST HUSBAND TURNED UP

And the Lowell Man "Loses"

Louis Gosslin of 7 Rankin court and Arthur Lamontagne both claim one woman as their wife, says the Lawrence Sun.

The woman is question is residing with Gosslin at present and has been since was Alma Ouillette and she was married to Gosslin at Nashua, N. H., ten years ago and soon afterwards they moved to this city.

Sometime afterwards they separated, Gosslin going to Canada, and his wife back to Nashua. She later heard that her husband was very sick in Canada and this report was followed by a story to the effect that he had died. She became convinced that he was dead and then married Lamontagne. Gosslin was not dead, however, and returned to this city, only to find his wife living with another man. Lamontagne removed to Lowell with the woman and last June they were located there by Gosslin and he had them arrested. They were placed on probation in the superior court and then the woman came here to live with Gosslin. They have lived happily together since.

Monday, however, Lamontagne came down from Lowell and made things unpleasant. He wanted the woman to leave Gosslin and accompany him to Lowell. He threatened her with arrest if she didn't. She became frightened and sent for her husband who was at work. When he arrived, he ordered Lamontagne out, and threatened to have him arrested if he put in his appearance again. Gosslin has reported the case to the police who will show Lamontagne what is what if he causes any further trouble.

The woman says she wants to live with Gosslin and cares nothing for Lamontagne.

ALHAMBRA BURNED

FAMOUS CONVENTION HALL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 20—The Alhambra, the famous convention hall of Syracuse, where the democrats of the state have met in state convention during recent years, was destroyed by fire at 3.30 o'clock this morning. The flames threatened also to destroy St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral which was saved only after heroic efforts by the firemen. The loss amounts to $50,000.

WILL ADVANCE WAGES.

The Faulkner Manufacturing company of North Billerica will also advance the wages of their employes, like the Talbot mills, and the employes are pleased with the arrangements. The increase will take effect January 1st.

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THE CAR SERVICE

Extended at Last to Centralville Hill

Much Discussion as to the Location of Its Track—Veteran Policemen to be Pensioned Off on Half Pay—Salary Committee Appointed—Telephone Hearing

The board of aldermen held a busy session at city hall last evening at which several interesting hearings took place.

The session opened with the petition of the Lowell and Suburban street railroad company for an extension of its tracks from Bridge street through Third, Beech and Beacon to Methuen streets.

Daniel M. Richardson appeared for the company in asking that the petition be granted. There was a general desire, he said, for car accommodations on Centralville Heights. The route selected was the one deemed most advisable. It was expected that any route would meet with some remonstrance.

Mayor Crowley read a remonstrance to the location of tracks through Third street, signed by residents of that street.

John J. Harvey appeared in behalf of the remonstrants who had signed the paper. Third street, he said was the main thoroughfare to Centralville heights. It was thickly populated, and the plowing of the snow in the winter would make it very inconvenient. The Centralville people had understood that First street would be the route selected, and residents of the hill had raised a large sum of money, by agreement with the railroad to have the tracks extended from First street, through a strip of land owned by L. A. Derby, 8 Beech street. He believed that the road should be held to its promise originally made. There were no remonstrants to the petition for a line of cars to Centralville heights. The only question was as to the route. If that by way of First street should be selected, he had been informed that it would cost $500 less than by Third street. It had been intimated to him that the Third street route had been selected because of opposition that it was known existed, and because the company did not care to really furnish car service to the hill.

Mr. Richardson asked whether Mr. Harvey's clients would rather have no tracks than have them in Third street.

Mr Harvey replied that they proposed to hold the railroad to its agreement.

"Do you know for a fact that there was such an agreement?"

"I am informed by competent parties that there was such an agreement."

"I am authorized by Mr. Sullivan to say that there was no agreement," said Mr. Richardson. "If money was raised by Centralville people, it was done without the connivance of the railroad."

Mr Harvey asked Alderman Derby whether the company had not made some agreement as to his land.

Alderman Derby said that he was in a rather peculiar position. Two years before he had decided to sell his house and land in First street. Two parties had looked at the property, and he had given a written agreement to Harry E. Shaw, at his request, to sell his property at the same price, within a certain term to Mr. Shaw if the railroad wished to extend its line through it. "I do not know on what authority he asked me to sign the agreement," he continued. "It prevented me from selling my property, but I kept my agreement. I do not know how much money was subscribed. It was stated at the time that it was proposed to run through my land, since the Simpson street grade was too steep. I did not get this from the company."

Mr. Richardson referring to the previous railway hearing, asked whether the complaints made by the petitioners at that time had not been remedied.

Mayor Crowley replied by reading the following report of the special committee of the aldermen:

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 19, '99.

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lowell:

The special committee from this board, appointed November 5, 1899 to confer with the management of the Lowell & Suburban street railway company, have attended to the duty assigned to them and beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee has, naturally, given most particular attention to those matters complained of by the petitioners at the hearing given them by the board on November 5th, but all other complaints to which its attention was called at that time, and since, by different citizens, have also been given attention.

We called upon the management of the street railway immediately after our appointment and were assured by Manager Woodman and the former general manager, Mr. Sullivan, that it was the intention of the company to give the people of Lowell satisfactory services in every way possible, and they indicated a desire to ascertain the facts regarding all of the complaints and assured us that no effort would be spared to accommodate the people.

We have waited a considerable time before presenting our report, in order that ample opportunity might be given for carrying into effect the changes promised and, as far as your committee can discern, everything promised by the railway management has been done.

The service on the Bridge street line has been improved, so that now there is a 15-minute car schedule from the square all day and from noon until 9 p. m. an additional car from the square to 13th street every 15 minutes, thus giving the people of Centralville practically seven and one-half minute service the busier hours of the day. The first street line, which had been entirely suspended has been restored. The route of the proposed line over the hill and through Beech street in Centralville, has been decided upon as far as the company is concerned, and a hearing upon petition for location is to be given by this board. A few other changes,—on the North Chelmsford, Lawrence street, and some other lines, have also been made, all of which, we think, work to the better accommodation of the people.

Your committee is much gratified with the cheerfulness with which the railway company has made these improvements, and believes that in the future it will only be necessary to call the attention of the street railway management to any defects in order to have them promptly remedied wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

JAMES F. MISKELLA,
GEORGE H. TAYLOR,
LUCIUS A. DERBY.

Manager Woodman produced plans to illustrate his contention that the First street route was impracticable. This was true of Simpson street or private land. The grade of the curves made the extension impracticable.

Charles H. Burtt said that the only and proper route was up Third street to Fremont and then across Beacon street. That would accommodate the people on the hill in the best manner. Any remonstrance to Third street was against the city's best interests. Mr. Woodman replied that the grade between Beach and Fremont streets is not a safe one.

Edward D. McVey talked at length in criticism of the company's methods. He said he didn't get a nickel's worth of ride when there were 67 persons on a street car. He objected to the Centralville extension on the ground that the company might want to increase its capital stock.

William D. Brown spoke briefly, after which the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor the resolution granting the petition was referred to the city solicitor for an amendment providing that the rails that are to be laid shall be groove rails.

An order was adopted for the appointment of a committee on salaries. Aldermen Dimon and Derby were named as members of the committee.

Alderman Dimon brought up the matter of the report of the committee on fire department made earlier in the year recommending the purchase of property in Middle street adjoining the Central fire station for the housing of the water tower, and he introduced a joint order borrowing $11,060 for the purpose. It was passed, 7 to 1. Mr. Chapin voted in the negative.

"If it wasn't after election," said the mayor, "I would be charged with raising a high tax rate."

Upon motion of Alderman Libby, the resolution for the paving of Westford street from Loring to Stevens street was taken from the table and referred to the committee on streets.

PENSION POLICE OFFICERS.

Alderman Derby introduced a petition with many signers asking for the retirement of veteran policemen on part pay, accompanied by an order for the adoption of Chapter 373 of the Acts of 1893.

Alderman Derby spoke in favor of the order which bore his name. The city cared for its sick firemen, he said, and the act referred to would pension policemen 65 years old, who had been in the service at least 15 years and policemen injured permanently in the discharge of their duty. They would go upon half pay. There was one man living in Lowell today he said who had been retired from the force because of old age and left poor. There were one or two men now on the force too old to perform their duty and if they could be retired on half pay, one man could do their work. Police officers were deprived of many of the rights of business men. They could not take life insurance except by the payment of heavy rates.

Alderman Dimon spoke in favor of the order and said that he supposed that the money would come from the department appropriation.

Mayor Crowley said that he knew the veteran police officer referred to. He had been a faithful servant, but there was another side to the question of pensions. "An employe of the city," he said, "was two years ago ordered, while at work on a sewer to see why a blast had not exploded. As he approached the spot, the dynamite exploded and a crowbar was hurled against him, tearing his face, from his mouth up, horribly. He lay in the hospital for months, after hovering between life and death, and then when he applied for work he was refused by the superintendent of streets because he was so disfigured that he scared the horses. Finally the present superintendent of streets gave him a few days' work at painting derricks, and I do not know whether he is now at work. Humanity commences with justice done to sewer men as well as to policemen. The poor man is entitled to the same consideration in the sewer as in the blue uniform. The man of whom I speak was a servant of the city, maimed and injured for life. Within twelve months, a man injured in a sewer went to the committee on claims and he was informed that he would be discharged if he pressed his claims.

"The petition tonight has been signed by prominent men. Some of them will talk of high taxes when election time comes near. They will listen to Billingsgate orators abuse the mayor for matters about which, you gentlemen of the board, know he has nothing more to do than the man in the moon."

The order was adopted.

TELEPHONE HEARING.

When the go-as-you-please telephone hearing was declared open and Charles E. Adams boomed his Massachusetts company and Alderman Derby informed him that there was a remonstrance of 4 to 1 against it.

A general discussion followed, in which Mr. McVey, Lawrence Cummings and Alderman Dimon questioned Mr. Adams.

The hearing was then declared closed.

An order was adopted declaring the result of the recent election.

A. W. Burnham asked for a hearing on his petition for improvements in Colonial avenue. Referred to the committee on streets.

A resolution to borrow $10,000 to complete the sewers in Willard and Humphrey streets was introduced. Alderman Dimon said that a ledge had made the extra expense and that every sewer undertaken during the year had been built, excepting the extension of the sewer at Central bridge, which would require heavy expense because of the construction of a coffer dam.

Alderman Taylor said, in reply to an inquiry, that the city's borrowing capacity was nearly $100,000.

The resolution was passed without opposition.

Minor petitions were referred, and monthly reports were placed on file.

The committee on electric wires reported an order instructing the telephone and electric light companies to remove their poles from Andover street, and place their wires under ground.

The pole locations asked by the New England company were granted, with certain conditions. There was some little debate on the amendments which were introduced by Alderman Dimon. The more important one provided that poles should not extend beyond the outer line of the curbstone.

Adjourned at 11.29 o'clock.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the common council last night a number of routine matters were attended to.

The order for the acceptance of the legislative act relating to the pensioning of policemen was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

The joint order for a loan of $11,000, for a down-town location of the water tower was lost, 17 to 7 which was less than a two-thirds vote. Councilmen Walker, Flanders and Markham were appointed on the salary committee.

Fred A. Buttrick was elected commissioner of sinking funds for a term of three years.

Many of the new councilmen were present and were introduced to the members who will be their associates next year. Many of the candidates for various officers were also present and the result was that the meeting did not open until after 8.30.

Joint orders appropriating $500 for the soldiers' relief department, $100,000 to pay temporary loans and providing for deficiencies in appropriations were adopted in concurrence.

Claims for damages on account of property damage were read from Edward Mooney and Thomas McKay.

A number of monthly reports were ordered on file.

A recess was taken from 8.55 until 10.15 during which there was a wait for business from the board of aldermen.

Then the order accepting chapter 373 of the acts of 1893 relating to the pensioning of policemen was adopted in concurrence. The petition that accompanied it was ordered on file.

The $14,000 loan for the housing of the water tower down town was then defeated, 17 to 7. Councilman Mullaney moved a reconsideration of the vote to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Then the committe on salaries was appointed as above stated. With Councilmen Walker and Markham Councilman Lehrun was first appointed but he declined and Councilman Flanders was chosen in his place.

Councilman Mullaney moved to proceed to the election of a sinking fund commissioner for the term of three years.

This motion came as a surprise to many of the members as there was an absence of definite knowledge as to when the election should occur.

Councilman Markham believed that a democrat should have a place on the board and mentioned Geo. M. Harrigan as a good man for the place. Councilman Badger believed that in Charles L. Knapp the democrats have a representative on the board. Councilman Mullaney did not think that indicated that Mr. Knapp is a democrat.

The motion of Councilman Mullaney eventually passed and the result gave Fred A. Buttrick 12, Frederick Buttrick 1, George M. Harrigan 10, and four absent. Councilman Stafford voted for Frederick Buttrick and started to correct it but several of the democrats objected to it and the change was not made. Mr. Buttrick had enough votes without that one.

He was declared elected on the part of the council and then the meeting adjourned.

HOUGH'S STORY

of the Death of His Rival

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

He Hears His Version Repeated by a Witness

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 20.—Joseph Alonzo Hough, who is on trial for the murder of Harry Chadwick by choking him to death and throwing his body into the river, is a sick man. He has nervous dyspepsia. For two hours yesterday afternoon he sat with his head resting in his hand or bowed upon both hands as if utterly exhausted and dejected.

Yet the little man might well have felt cheerful, for all the testimony thus far has gone to show that he never threatened Harry Chadwick, his rival in the affections of May Smith, and there was never any indication of jealousy between the two men.

J. Tyler Smith, May Smith's father, in whose house Hough boarded, told one fact upon which the prosecution laid stress as going to prove premeditation on Hough's part. Mr. Smith said that when Hough left the parlor at 9 o'clock Sunday night to go to bed he was wearing his best suit of clothes. When Mr. Smith was called to Hough's room at 2.30 a. m., the latter wore an old working suit which the witness had not seen for weeks.

Louis J. Smith, May's brother, told of finding footprints in the road which looked as if there had been a scuffle, then of finding the ground torn up in a potato patch near by, as if there had been a hard fight in that place.

The prisoner's counsel made much of this, for it corroborates Hough's statement of how the killing took place.

May Smith was composed while her brother was testifying, but when a green and white checked cuff with a stain of dark rusty red on its edge was held up and Louis Smith identified it as Chadwick's, the girl raised her handkerchief to her eyes, and her shoulders quivered as if she forced back the sobs. Hough did not look at the red-stained relic but turned and regarded the clock.

Alden C. D. Smith, May's elder brother testified that on Sunday afternoon, July 16, Hough spent two hours at his house. The witness spoke of carrying a revolver and said May had urged Harry to carry one.

"Doesn't he carry one?" Hough asked, and the witness answered "No."

Smith told of Hough's admission that he had killed Chadwick. "I asked: 'What did you do to Harry?' He said, 'Oh, I choked him.' Then the witness declared the prisoner told him the following story:

"I waited by the ice house until I saw the light of Harry's wheel coming. Then I ran out to scare him. Harry ran at me with a razor. I ran away and fell down and Harry grabbed me by the throat. I choked Harry till he stopped. I put my ear down by his heart and couldn't hear it beat. Then I was scared I took Harry and his bicycle down to the river and tied them together and threw them in. I got my bicycle and went home. I calculated I'd have to die anyhow, so I reached into my drawer and got my razor, but I didn't have strength enough to cut myself and fell over on the bed."

Dr. Fred Sumner Smith testified that he found Hough covered with blood and there was evidence that he had been bleeding a long time from a gash five inches long in his right cheek. The cut was made with a sharp instrument, swung in an upward blow. Chadwick was shorter than Hough, so that it would be natural for him to strike upward. He was left-handed, and the blow would land on Hough's right cheek.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of the Burkes' Temperance Institute was held last evening in their hall on Middle street. Nine new members were admitted and ten propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing six months will be elected at the next meeting. Two committees were appointed to bring in nominations. Committee No. 1 is made up of Messrs. James Whan, Thomas Nugent and Joseph Halligan; committee No. 2, Messrs. Edward McNally, Edward O'Brien and John Devlin. It was voted to open the whist tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and as there are numerous contestants a good tournament is assured. Arrangements were completed for the complimentary dance which will take place Friday, December 29.

An enthusiastic and well attended meeting was held by the Lowell Reform club last evening and a committee was appointed to secure another hall or release their present quarters.

The society is making rapid strides in its membership list and all members are working for its success. The old members are always out in force. Two candidates were initiated and several propositions were received. The club proposes to hold public meetings on Sunday evenings as is their usual custom and will engage prominent speakers to speak at them. A committee was appointed to make full arrangements for meetings and look after speakers. At the next meeting officers will be nominated and elected for the ensuing term and all members are requested to be present.

At the regular meeting of Court Samuel de Champlain, Foresters of America, last evening, the election of officers took place. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Evaliste Bertrand; sub-chief ranger, Joseph Boudreau; treasurer, Paul Vigeant; financial secretary, A. N. Boulais; recording secretary, Henry Chaput; senior woodward, William Gauthier; junior woodward, Alfred St. Amand; senior beadle, Philias Pomerleau; junior beadle, Euclide Monbleau; trustee, Philippe Bourque; captain, Hubert Gregoire; physician, Dr. L. V. Rochette.

Mt. Zion lodge, I. O. G. T., held its regular meeting last evening and a large number of members were present notwithstanding the attraction on the street during Christmas week. An enjoyable good of the order followed. Sister "Robert" Mountford contributed several vocal selections. Nathaniel A. Houston, Jr., gave some clever coon specialties. Frank McLean related amusing anecdotes of how green newspapermen approached him. Secretary Sister Maude Mountford and Chief Templar Thomas H. Hasbard also made interesting remarks relative to good templarism.

The regular meeting of Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last evening and transacted their regular business. The members felt grieved at the loss of their brother and companion, Albert B. Plimpton, a popular member who died yesterday at his home on Favor street.

An enjoyable whist party was held last evening by the James A. Garfield Woman's Relief Corps and suitable prizes were given. The following committee was in charge: Mrs. Helen J. Tullan, chairman; Mrs. Annie Cheney, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Ella Blaisdell and Mrs. Emma Spencer.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the New Year's festivities to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere, met last evening and completed arrangements for the festival and it was decided to hold it early in January.

At the meeting of Lowell commandery, Knights of Malta, arrangements were completed for their banquet to be held tonight at Odd Fellows' hall.

The regular meeting of Samuel H. Hines lodge, K. of P., was held last night and one proposition was received. Three candidate were voted in. Officers were nominated.

J. P. Maxfield circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., held their regular meeting last night and arrangements were made for a social and dance to be held in Highland hall, Jan. 17.

Lowell commandery, K. of M., completed arrangements last night for a banquet to be held this afternoon.

Only routine business was transacted at the regular meeting of Lincoln lodge, I. O. O. F. Monday night.

Lexington council, O. U. A. M., held their regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Lyceum held a special meeting last evening to take action on the death of their late brother, Augustus Nelson, whose funeral takes place tomorrow morning from the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock.

The lyceum voted to attend the funeral in a body and all members are requested to assemble at their hall tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock from which place they will march to the late home of their departed brother and take part in the funeral procession.

Michael Farrell was chosen marshal of the day.

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MILL LIFE IN LOWELL.

Editor Sun:
Will you please inform me where I can get any good paper or book upon mill life in Lowell and oblige,
Your Obedient Servant,
A MILL GIRL.

About the only book we know of on the subject of mill life in Lowell or at least the only one that we would recommend is one recently published entitled "Loom and Spindle," treating of mill life in Lowell sixty years ago and comparing the lot of mill operatives then with that of the mill operative of today. As the writer of the book, namely, Harriet A. Robinson, was herself a mill girl in Lowell about sixty years ago, she gives as might be expected a very graphic account of mill life here at that time; but she is partial to the mill girls of her own day in various ways.

While we do not attempt to detract from the high character she has given them, we object to the insinuation that they were so far ahead of the mill girls of today as this writer would lead us to believe. She does not say so openly, but by her lavish praise of the mill girls of her own day and her appeal to the mill girls of the present to imitate their predecessors in the mills in the matter of self improvement she appears to think that the mill girl of the present day is not up to the standard of former times.

On this point we disagree with the writer and hold that the mill girls of today are the equals or superiors of their predecessors of sixty years ago, physically, intellectually and morally.

True they do not publish a paper like the "Lowell Offering., of early mill days in Lowell; they have not a mutual improvement society; but they have their unions, their society of physical and intellectual culture, which go to fill the place of the improvement circles of former days. Now many of the mill girls attend the evening schools, the People's Club as well as lectures and entertainments, all calculated to advance them both socially and intellectually. If Miss Robinson thinks that the mill girls of today are not as virtuous as those of former days, we would point her to the principal churches of Lowell and assure her that these grand edifices raised to the glory of God stand in a great measure as monuments to the piety, the virtue and the religious zeal of Lowell mill girls. Besides, many of our most prominent and successful business and professional men who flourish in our city today are the sons of mothers who spent their early days in the mill.

If the conviction prevails anywhere that the factory girls of Lowell are not as respectable as any other class of women in the city it is wrong and based upon a misconception.

Visitors to our city who come here with a poor opinion of the mill girls have gone away with a full realization of their error, with knowledge gained from personal observation that the Lowell mill girls of today are equal to those of any other period.

When Whittier resided in Lowell in the early forties he described the mill girls in a manner that will apply equally well today, when he said:

"Acres of girlhood, beauty reckoned by the square rod, or miles by long measure; the young, the graceful, the gay—thp flowers gathered from a thousand hillsides and green valleys of New England, the fair unveiled maids of Industry, Sisters of Thrift and are ye not also Sisters of Charity, dispensing comfort and hope and happiness around many a hearthstone of your native hills, making sad faces cheerful, and hallowing age and poverty with the sunshine of your youth and love. Who shall sneer at your calling? Who shall count your vocation otherwise than noble and ennobling?"

In conclusion we would refer the inquirer to City Librarian Chase, who will willingly provide all the published material, concerning Lowell and her factories, including of course the very interesting "Lowell Offering," written by former mill girls and containing many contributions from Lucy Larcom the poetess who made Lowell famous in those days.

At the present time the country is getting an object lesson upon the beauties of the gold standard. Never perhaps in the history of the country have such failures occurred on account of the deficiency of the currency. The John P. Squire firm failed, not on account of any liability to meet its just debts, but because of the financial stringency. In this case the assets greatly exceed the liabilities and so it is with the Produce Exchange Trust of New York, which has failed with liabilities of eleven million dollars. If the circulating medium was sufficiently elastic to meet the demands of the increased volume of business, none of these failures would have occurred. It seems very doubtful whether the currency measure now being passed by congress will remedy this defect; but it will leave the matter largely in the hands of the banks and in this way will leave the people at their mercy. You may expect more panics and panics that will be manufactured by the money kings for their own benefit. That is the tendency at the present time.

The people who have been hoping for an early reduction of war taxes will find little comfort in the report of the commissioner of internal revenue. In that official's annual report to the secretary of the treasury, he gives the receipts for the year as $273,451,575, which is an increase over the previous year of $102,917,000. Notwithstanding this enormous increase, Commissioner Wilson urges the amendment of the revenue law, so as to require the stamping of receipts for individual deposits in banks. A citizen cannot even be allowed to draw his money out of the bank for his own use without paying tribute to the war against the Philippines. Still the telegraph companies and the express companies which have derived large benefits from the war, are exempted from the burdens which are placed on the individual citizen.

England has called upon her two greatest butchers, the generals who have been most successful in cutting down the natives of Asia and Africa, and she wants them to perform a similar operation upon the Boers. When they reach the Boer land, they may find a reception similar to that which awaited the other great butcher, General Buller. By simultaneous action the entire British forces in South Africa may succeed eventually in conquering the Transvaal, but as Paul Kruger warned England, it will be at a loss of life and treasure that will stagger humanity.

It is stated that the friends of City Solicitor Quo will attempt to hold him in office by having the office of assistant city solicitor created and filled by a democrat. In this way he could possibly hold the fort against the opposition of Chairman Poore of the republican city committee. It would be a trade with the democrats but we are of the opinion that the democrats would not be a party to such a trade even for the consideration of filling the position.

In regard to small-pox, the local board of health may profit by the experience of Chelsea. That city has been bothered with small pox for a considerable time, and as each case was pronounced cured, the people supposed that no others would follow, but others have followed and the pest has not been fully eradicated thus far. Lowell may have more trouble than she expects in stamping it out.

Today the increase in wages takes effect in the mills. The operatives can use the increase to buy Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS SALE

BEING HELD AT WORTHEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

A Christmas sale is now being held at the Worthen street Baptist church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The fair opened last evening with a good attendance at the supper, which was one of the chief attractions early in the evening. Tonight there will be an entertainment by the children and the fair will open at four o'clock p. m.

An attractive corner of the vestry is the Chinese department which is presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Carr, dressed in Chinese costume. They are ably assisted by two of their faithful Chinese friends, Wong Sing Wing and Chung Fook. The Chinese class in the Worthen Street Sunday school is the pride of the school and they have come forward with the usual generosity of their race, contributing many beautiful and unique decorations to the Chinese table. Other tables are managed by the following chairmen, each with an able corps of assistants.

Domestic table, Mrs. J. P. Ritchie; candy and flowers, Miss Bessie Hudson; handkerchief table, Mrs. Wm. Jarvis; apron table, Mrs. Hiram Wilson; fancy work, Mrs. Joseph Barber; lemonade, Mrs. Wm. Jarvis, and the two young ladies who serve in the costume of Rebecahs, are Misses Sadie Coburn and Myra Reid. The Christian Endeavorers have a soap table, which is looked after by Misses Irene Wyman and Estella Bean. Mrs. O. A. Dodge was chairman of the supper committee.

There will be no supper tonight but ice cream and cake will be served during the evening and the entertainment will be a special attraction.

ENJOYABLE SMOKE TALK.

It was a very enjoyable smoke talk that the members of the Mercury club of Centralville gave to their friends in their rooms last night. About 150 were in attendance and enjoyed the numerous pieces as well as the singing and recitations by the following: Messrs. O'Neil, Rourke, Lynch and Drury, Frank Lake and his graphophone were also there and he received a rising vote of thanks for his part of the entertainment.

ANOTHER COMBINE

SEVERAL STREET RAILWAYS WANT TO UNITE.

Special to Lowell Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The railroad commissioners today gave hearings on the plan for the consolidation of the Wakefield & Stoneham street railway with the Mystic Valley, Salem & Wakefield, Woburn & Reading and Reading & Lowell roads; also for the consolidation of the Brockton street railway with the Taunton & Brockton street railway, the Brockton & Bridgewater and the Connecticut roads. There was no opposition.

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The scheme was advertised in The Sun, and as a result the Santa Claus letter box has been worked overtime. The Sun below prints some of the brightest of the thousands of letters received and sincerely hopes that each little one will get what he or she asks. The letters are as follows:

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Andover street.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
I write you these few hoping you will send me a present for Christmas. Wishing you, dear Santa Claus, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I would like to have a game for Christmas.
Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a engine and
Oblige.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please put in my stocking a pair of rubber boots, some candies, little men story book, toy cart, a bugle and all you want to. Put anything, come too,
Good-by,
Wishing you a merry Christmas.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a book, a dolls hat, a box of writing paper, an ink-stand for my desk, a handkerchief, some hair ribbons.
Yours truly,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 14, 1899.

Dear Santa,
I would be very thanking if you would send me a magic lantern.
Your child,
Good-by.
Miss XXXXX

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little boy of four years old and as you are very good for childrens perhaps you will give me what I am going to ask you. I want a good magic lantern as big as you can as many good games as you would like a good engine a few story books and a little book and a fish pond game please with my best thanks for your kindness
Your Truly friend,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus
I want for Christmas, a drum, tool chest, game, printing press, ring, book, steamer, horse car, horse and team, hook and ladder fire patrol, bean alley, magic lantern, gas bell, foot ball, ship, fire man's suit, soldier suit, Indian suit, I think I will close now Santa that is all I want,
Yours truly,
Answer soon

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these are sisters and one of them lives in the same yard
65 Kingman st,

Dec. 13, 1899
Lowell, Mass.,

Dear Santa Claus
Please send a doll some candy a little tea set.
Please send some one of these three.
MARY E. MULLANE

Dear old santa Claus
I'd like to have a coat for me 1 year old.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll carriage. And a store book. And I want a set of dishes. I want a sled. I want a piano. I want a black board. I want a jump-jack. I want a stove. And a big doll for a Christmas present.
Your loving fried

Dear Santa Clause.—
I would like a nice pair of skates and a nice story book and a good warm pair of gloves,
Good-by till next time
Yours truly,
P. S. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a carriage
And a sled.
And some candy and a set of dishes
And a orange.
And a pair of gloves.
Your friend,

Sam'l GREEN MOUNTAIN
RENOVATOR
A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

DEWALT'S PENNYROYAL

CANSE CONTINUED

SURPRISE IN THE FENN MURDER TRIAL

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Dec. 20.—A surprise was sprung yesterday at the opening of the trial of Frederick Eastwood, charged with murder of Frank Fenn of Middlebury, on August 14th last, by the presentation of a motion by counsel for the defense that the case be continued until the June term of court, on the ground that evidence had just been discovered tending to show that the prisoner was subject to fits of insanity. Judge Rowell ordered the case continued. In the interim he directed that the defendant be committed to the care of the state insane asylum at Waterbury and that he be carefully watched for evidences of the alleged insanity.

BUST OF FREUBER.

Yesterday afternoon at the Normal school, Miss Anna Peceraux, superintendent of the kindergarten schools, was presented with a bust of Froeber, the originator of the system.

It was an informal affair, the presentation speech being made by Miss Kelly of the school. All the faculty were invited. Lunch was served and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

At the rooms of the Middlesex Woman's club yesterday forenoon there was a musical recital by the class in music who are studying the works of several composers. The subject was "Nevins." The recital was for members only.

WEYBOSSET CLUB.

The Weybosset club held another of its December socials in Highland Hall last evening. About 40 couples danced to music by Excelsior Orchestra, six pieces, Lewis Weller, leader. F. P. Mussey had charge of the floor and was assisted by Messrs. Frank Parrot, J. E. Gove, and A. L. Young.

IN CHELMSFORD

Supper by Boys' Lend-a-Hand Society

ENJOYAELE ENTERTAINMENT ALSO GIVEN

Other Interesting News From That Town

The Boys Lend-A-Hand club of the Unitarian society last night proved themselves perfectly capable to act the part of caterers, both in the line of appetite and entertainment.

A good supper was served in the vestry in the early evening, the boys evidently having drawn upon the "home reserves" for their supplies as the English are now doing to continue the war in South Africa. The waiters were Stewart Redman, Percy Redman, Roy Allen, Chester Allen, Lewis Burndrett, Harry Harmon, Fred Tangley, Richard Davis, Breck Emerson, Alfred Howard. The program of the evening which was well carried out was as follows: Song, chorus, "Old Dog Tray"; cornet solo, Roy Allen; chorus, "My Old New Hampshire Home"; reading, "Dissertation on Roast Pig," Mr. D. H. Fletcher; marina solo, Richard Davis; reading, "A Happy Philosopher," Rev. Granville Pierce; chorus, "Uncle Ned"; reading, "The Limitations of Youth," Mr. Pierce; chorus, "Just as the Sun Went Down." Mrs. A. M. Warren was the accompanist of the evening. The officers of the club are: President, Alfred Howard; vice-president, Edward Redman; secretary, Louis Burndrett; treasurer, Roy Allen. The committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of Chester Allen, W. H. Redman, Harry Harmon, William Adams, Stanley Cotton and the officers ex-officio, while Superintendent Wm H. Hall of the Sunday school made himself particularly useful in the kitchen.

The boys were quite pleased with the success of their social and so were their guests.

Pursuant to notice a joint session of the selectmen and the school committee was held at the town hall last evening to fill the vacancy in the latter board occasioned by the resignation of Dr. E. H. Chamberlain. J. E. Warren, chairman of the selectmen, presided, and J. A. Parkhurst was secretary. Rev. C. E. Bartlett, pastor of the Central Congregational church, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bartlett is a graduate of Amherst college and both by acquirements and personal characteristics is admirably qualified for the position.

Miss Mary E. Whitford, who has many acquaintances in this village, will spend the winter in the family of Mrs. Julia E. Warren.

At the annual meeting of the Unitarian guild Sunday evening the following officers were chosen: President, Miss Pearl Dyer; vice-president, Miss Maud Parham; secretary, Miss Belle Adams; treasurer, Thomas Parkhurst.

The Unitarian Sunday school will have its Christmas festival Saturday evening. The children will have the right of way from 5 to 7 with games and light refreshments, after which they will sing Christmas melodies, and then will come the distribution of gifts. Santa Claus's advance agents will be at the vestry during the afternoon.

A special meeting of the selectmen was held Friday, 15th, in answer to a petition for the widening and straightening of Smith avenue. All the abutters except one, were favorable to the proposition. The decision of the board was reserved.

There will be an auction sale of a great variety of household articles at the "Worthen" house, Little ton street, Saturday afternoon at 1o'clock. J. P. Emerson, auctioneer.

UNION MEETING

OF ROYAL ARCANUMITES AT CENTRALVILLE COUNCIL.

Several councils of the Royal Arcanum in this vicinity held a union meeting last evening with the Centralville council, at their hall in Bridge street. The attendance was not very large, but those members who were present had an evening full of entertainment and instruction. The regent of Centralville council, Charles Robinson, presided, and at 8.15 he called to order and presented Past Grand Regent of Massachusetts A. G. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh spoke only a few minutes on the subject of the Royal Arcanum, its objects and what it does. "The System of the Arcanum," he said, "is simple, and more than any other organization, its affairs are open for inspection of members and the public. We have 191,000 members and expect that it will soon grow to 195,000.

It is open to any white man who can pass the examination.

There is a splendid reserve fund in the hands of the secretary of state for the commonwealth, and beside there is a mortuary fund used only to pay death benefits. The organization pays out $5,000,000 each year and in addition adds to the reserve fund, a provision for the future.

"We contend that the Royal Arcanum is stronger today than ever before, that it is a business organization conducted on business principles and that it is worthy of support. It is a life insurance company, but aside from that the feature about it that I take pride in is the social side, the fraternity of the system of Royal Arcanum. I believe in it. I believe that it is a business organization in that it is a life insurance company and protects its members and their families, and that it enables the members to feel themselves in an organization of brotherhood, of helpfulness."

Mr. Mills played a piano solo and song and Mr. Albert Bachelder gave a stereopticon lecture on "The Yellowstone Park" which was much enjoyed and appreciated.

MUSIC HALL

A large audience attended the second performance of "Fads & Follies" company at Music Hall last evening as on the opening night. The company is a very good organization, and won loud applause from the audience almost momentarily, the same big hits being made as at the previous performance. The pictures of the Jeffries and Sharkey fight and battle of Manila were very good, the burlesque entitled "Fads & Follies" closed the show with laughter and applause. The company repeat their performance this evening when they make their departure.

The High Roller Extravaganza company will hold the boards for the last three nights of this week with Saturday matinee. They are an aggregation of women that is sure to prove a great attraction.

SAVOY THEATRE

Last evening, the little Savoy theatre was crowded to its utmost capacity, the "Standing Room Only" sign had to be put out before the performance started. Theatre parties are getting very popular at this house, and last evening 50 young ladies in the employ of the Shaw Stocking Co., formed an enjoyable party and judging from the applause and encores given, those present went away delighted.

The performance opens with Herr and Evans, comedy sketch team in banjo playing and popular songs; Frank Clayton, the eccentric comedian, kept the audience in roars of laughter from the time he came on the stage until he went off. Ellsworth & Burt, presenting a comedietta entitled, "Domestic Pets," are very comical and there is a series of complications from beginning to end. The Deagons in a refined novelty comedy sketch also got their share of the applause.

The star attraction of the evening was Wormwood's monkey theatre. The are by far the most intelligent animals that have come to this city, and this turn is well worth the price of admission alone.

The performance shall continue every afternoon at 2.15 and evening at 8.15 o'clock.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. membership committee was held last night. Twenty-eight applicants were admitted to membership. The committee is anxious to reach the 400 mark before February 1st.

Philip T. Begley, superintendent of the Lowell and Suburban street railway, is confined to his home by pneumonia.

Tests Patience

The Most Patient Lowell Citizen Must Show Annoyance at Times.

Nothing spoils a good disposition.
Nothing taxes a man's patience.
Like any itchiness of the skin.
Itching Piles almost drive you crazy.
All day it makes you miserable.
All night it keeps you awake.
Itch. Itch. Itch. With no relief.
Just the same with Eczema.
Can hardly keep from scratching it.
You would do so, but you know it makes it worse.
Such miseries are daily decreasing.
People are learning they can be cured.
Learning the merit of Doan's Ointment.
Plenty of proof that Doan's Ointment will cure Piles, Eczema or any Itchiness of the skin.
Read the testimony of a Lowell citizen:
Mr. W. L. Clark of 183 Stackpole street says: "We have used Doan's Ointment in our family and it proved a most valuable preparation for the purposes its use is indicated. I procured it at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and can cordially recommend it to all suffering from eczema or any itching irritation."
Doan's Ointment for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

Remember the . .
WORKINGMEN'S
SHOE and CLOTHING STORE
24 Prescott Street.
Near Street Car Waiting Room. Open evings.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

USEFUL HINTS for HOLIDAY GIFTS

No clothing or Furnishing Goods House in Massachusetts displays a greater or more exquisite assortment of practical, useful and up-to-date holiday gifts than the Big Store.

Below we endeavor to give you some assistance in selecting your Christmas Present for husband, brother, sweetheart, relative or friend. We have mentioned a few of the many useful things you can buy at prices much below what you are asked to pay for the same things elsewhere. We are doing a tremendous holiday business simply because at this time, as at other times during the year, we adhere strictly to popular prices.

Best, Sensible, Stylish, Useful Wearables for Men and Boys in Greatest Assortment That's Known Anywhere.

Neckwear, Gloves, Fancy Suspenders

A pretty Tie holds an important place with men and a choice pair of Suspenders is none the less appreciated, while Gloves—well, we hardly need mention the favor they find with men. Our fine showing speaks our readiness to please all tastes, 25c to $2.00. Then there are.

Umbrellas and Mackintoshes.

There are thoughtful gifts. We show a very fine and extensive assortment of Umbrellas for women and men. In all sorts of styles from plain natural handles to heavy sterling silver and gold mounts, fine ivory and horn in more fantastic designs. 48c to $4.00 is the price range. A fine Mackintosh is also a very acceptable present that carries comfort to the receiver. We have a very fine line in all the new styles of make and materials at $4.98 and over.

Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Shirts.

Our assortment of Mufflers is simply grand. A most complete selection of SILK, JAPANETTE and LINEN Handkerchiefs, with initials or plain. Nothing is more useful to a man or accepted with more earnest appreciation than Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, or Shirts, fancy and plain white, embraces a multitude of new and rich patterns, especially selected for holiday trade. Then again, there are SWEATERS, UNDERWEAR, CUFFS AND COLLARS, CUFF BUTTONS, NIGHT SHIRTS, plain and fancy.

Men's and Boys' Caps, Angora Scotch Wool and Worsted Toques and Tams for girls and boys, beach Jackets, fancy Vests, all kinds. Derbys and Fedoras, Jewelry, etc., etc. Any and all the above are useful and sensible gifts, and such as will gladden the heart of the recipient. For the boys, little and big, we have also provided on an equally liberal scale, almost everything mentioned as suitable presents for men. Such a collection of HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE to gratify the desires and satisfy the wants of man and boy was never before assembled under any roof in the city of Lowell.

Phenomenal Success!

The Foremost High-Grade Clothing Sale Ever Planned. It is the Crowning Clothing Event of Our Many Years of Business History.

This sale positively embraces only dependable high-grade Suits and Overcoats. The display embodies all up-to-date styles of perfectly tailored and perfect-fitting attire. Name your fancy. There are 1500 men's and young Men's Suits at $3.98 up to $23.00. 2000 men's and young men's Overcoats at $3.98 up to $18. 500 Boys' Reefers and Top Coats, 75c to $4.98. 1200 Boys' Knee Pant Suits, in single and double breasted, with or without vests, 98c to $4.98. This is the grandest of Christmas opportunities we know of. We guarantee you a saving of over one-third on every purchase.

Lowell One-Price Clothing Coompany, 72 to 86 Merrimack St

FIFTEEN BURIED

Miners Caught in a Cave-in in a Coal Mine

By Associated Press to The Sun.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 19.—A cave-in occurred in the cement mines of the New York & Rosendale Cement works at Rosendale this morning. Fifteen miners are reported to be buried.

It was learned later that all the men escaped. Thousands of tons of rock and dirt caved in, carrying down buildings and machinery.

SLAV AND SAXON

May Fight the War in the Future

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—War between Slav and Saxon, "possibly of ideas, possibly of bayonets and bullets" was predicted for the near future by the Rev. Albert E. Dunning of Boston, editor of the Congregationalist, in a speech before the Chicago Congregational club at the Palmer House last night. The club observed Forefathers' day with a banquet and addresses. Almost five hundred members were present, among them many women. Dr. Dunning in his address said: "My subject is the 'Puritans' Opportunity,' and I received the opportunity to spread the love of man, righteousness and liberty over the world. The conflict between Christianity and heathenism has been fought and won. The war in the future is to be between the different forms of Christianity—Latin, Slavonic and Saxon. We have had little to hope or fear from the Latin. The issue is to be fought out between Slav and Saxon.

"Only a little way in the future must be heard the noise of the conflict between these two. It may be a battle of ideas and it may be a battle of bayonets and bullets. It is sure to come. The Slav is expanding and moving against us. The American Puritan is face to face with him on the east and the English puritan is face to face with him on the south and west. The question of the meeting of these two is the most interesting question in the world. The final struggle cannot be long delayed.

DARING HOLD UP

Man Hit With a Club and Robbed

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—A daring hold up occurred on Illinois street in Central Falls, last night about midnight. While on their way home, Israel LaLiberte and Philemon Leclaire were attacked by three young men at a lonely spot. The former was hit on the head with a club and his assailant then snatched his watch and chain. The other members of the gang attacked Leclaire, who was relieved of about $90 in bills.

The detention by the police of Richard Randall, resulted in the arrest of Michael Campbell, John Hackett and George Lambert. Hackett was afterwards released and the others, all young men, were held on the charge of highway robbery. They were bound over.

PRINT WORKERS

ARE TO GET AN INCREASE IN WAGES.

Notices have been posted in the Hamilton mills to the effect that the print works operatives are to have an increase. The extent of this increase is not stated. The Merrimack print works operatives will also have an increase to what extent is also unknown, at the present time.

HELD IN $1,000.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 19.—Elmer E. Moody, an ex-car conductor who was under indictment for larceny of jewelry, was arraigned in the district court today, on a charge of forging the name of E. A. Carter to a check for a small amount. He pleaded guilty and was bound over to the grand jury under $1000.

WEAVERS OUT

THEY REFUSE TO START UP THEIR LOOMS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—All the departments of the No. 4 mill of the Lonsdale company started up this morning, with the exception of the weave room where none of the operatives appeared to start the Draper looms. Supt. Pratt stated that the other departments of the mill were all running his forenoon.

A conference will take place at nine o'clock tomorrow between the Goddards and a committee representing the Blackstone valley weavers' association and the National executive council of the American Federation of Textile Workers.

SPANISH STEAMER

PURSUED BY BRITISH CRUISER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MADRID, Dec. 20.—The Spanish steamer Ciudad de Cadiz, which has just arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, from Cadiz, reports that she was pursued and overhauled last Saturday by a British cruiser which fired guns, compelling her to heave to, interrogated her as to her name and route and then allowed her to proceed.

Mr. Ruben Pratt of Walker street is spending the winter with his son, E. C. Pratt of Huntsville, Ala., who is the representative of the Merrimack Co. of this city. Mr. Pratt is much pleased with the south and already his health is much improved.

Children

in school? Then you have often heard them complain of headache; have frequently noticed how they go about in a listless, indifferent way, haven't you?

Scott's Emulsion

does grand things for such children. It brings a healthy color to their cheeks, strengthens their nerves, and gives them the vigor that belongs to youth. All delicate children should take it.

50c. and $1.00, all druggists.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

SENATOR ALLEN

Took the Oath of Office Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Hon. William V. Allen, the recently appointed senator from Nebraska, was present when the senate convened today and at the conclusion of the reading of the journal, Mr. Thurston, (Neb.), his colleague, presented him at the secretary's desk, where the oath of office was administered. Mr. Allen was cordially greeted by his old colleagues.

The financial bill passed by the House yesterday, was received from the House and with the suggestion of Mr. Aldrich (R. I.) chairman of the finance committee, it was referred to that committee.

Mr. Stewart (Nev.) offered a joint resolution granting the Commercial Cable company the right to lay a cable to Cuba.

Mr. Aldrich of Rhode Island reported house bill No. 1, the financial bill, with a substitute. Mr. Aldrich stated this was the majority report of the committee and that he would ask for its consideration on January 4th.

A bill creating a commission of five to revise and codify the pension laws of the United States was passed. The senate then went into executive session.

THE HOUSE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—When the House met today, Mr. Taylor (Ohio), chairman of the special committee to investigate the case of Representative-elect Roberts, offered a resolution for the payment of the expenses incurred by the committee and hereafter to be incurred, out of the contingent fund of the House. Mr. Lentz (Ohio) asked unanimous consent that the committee investigating the Roberts' case be also instructed to investigate the cases of the two Utah postmasters alleged to be guilty of polygamy.

Mr. Sherman of New York objected and the Taylor resolution was adopted.

The speaker announced the appointment of the following committees to participate in preparing arrangements for the unveiling of the statue of Daniel Webster, January 18, 1900.

Messrs. Lovering of Massachusetts, Cousins, Iowa; Clarke, New Hampshire; Cummings, New York; and Gaines, Tennessee.

Mr. Payne, chairman of ways and means committee, then presented the resolution for the distribution of the president's message to the various committees having jurisdiction. It was in the usual form. Mr. Payne stated that Mr. Grow, the venerable ex-speaker of the House, desired to address the House for forty minutes upon the resolution, and it was arranged that the democrats should have an equal amount of time if they desired it.

CHAIRMAN PAYNE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The ways and means committee of the house held a short meeting today at which Chairman Payne announced the subcommittees as follows:

Customs, Customs district and Customs Officials—Messrs. Payne, Dalzell, Hopkins, Grosvenor, Russell, Richardson and Robertson.

Administration of Customs Laws—Russell, Payne, Dolliver, Steele, Swanson, McClellan and Newlands.

Internal Revenue—Dolliver, Steele, Russell, Hopkins, Tawney, McClellan and Cooper (Texas.)

Public debt, the preservation of the public credit and redemption of government notes—Dalzell, McCall, Payne, Richards, and one blank.

Reciprocity and commercial treaties—Hopkins, Dolliver, Tawney, Long, Dalzell, Swanson and Cooper (Tex.)

Revenue from other sources than customs and excises and on miscellaneous subjects—Grosvenor, Russell, Steele, McCall, Long, Robertson and Newlands.

SCHOONER LAUNCHED

FIVE-MASTER LAUNCHED AT CAMDEN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CAMDEN, Me., Dec. 19.—Dawn ushered in a mild December day. For hours preceding the great event the streets were crowded with strangers, eagerly waiting the signal when the workmen would drive the last wedge, remove the final block and the handsome five-masted schooner, the Jennie French Potter, slide from the ways into the placid waters of Camden harbor amid the cheers of the assembled people, and blasts from whistles all over the village. A large party, including the captain's friends from New Jersey, New York and Boston, witnessed the launch.

OFFICERS ARRIVE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19.—The following officers arrived from the Philippines on the transport Rio de Janeiro and probably will be landed today, as there is no infectious disease on the vessel and its detention in quarantine will be brief. Major Noble, 24th Infantry, on sick leave; Captain French, 16th Infantry; Captain A. A. Augur, 24th Infantry, Captain Rodgers, 29th Infantry, on recruiting duty; Captain Poindexter, medical department, sick leave; Captain Dunning, 16th Infantry; recruiting duty: Lieut. P. Schaffer, 13th Infantry, sick leave; Lieut. W. A. Lefaber, 23d Infantry, recruiting; and Lieuts. Titus, Hexelinger, and Pray, acting assistant surgeons. The transport is to be turned over to its owners the Pacific Mail Steamship company.

BRIBERY CASE DISMISSED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 19.—The supreme court handed down a decision today dismissing the bribery case of Attorney General Monett against the Standard Oil company.

NEW COALING STATION.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 19.—A board of naval officers have been quietly looking over the environments of Narragansett bay, with a view of making a recommendation for a coaling station. It is probable that a site at Prudence will be recomended.

WEAVERS NOT SATISFIED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 19.—The weavers of the Lorraine mills are not satisfied with the new wage schedule which went into effect yesterday and it is probable that trouble will result unless there is a satisfactory settlement of the difficulty. Being obliged to run additional looms under the new system the weavers contend that the alleged increase is actually a reduction. A meeting to discuss the matter was held last evening, but definite action was deferred for a few days.

STATE GRANGE

HOLDING ITS ANNUAL SESSION IN CONCORD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 19.—The 26th annual session of the state grange, Patrons of Husbandry, opened here this morning with the largest attendance of delegates ever known in the history of the order. The grange in New Hampshire now numbers over 270 Pomona and subordinate granges, with an aggregate membership of some 25,000.

State Master Hon. N. J. Bachelder presided at today's session, and the morning was given over to routine business connected with the matters of organizing for business.

This afternoon Master Bachelder will present his annual address to be followed by reports of other officers

EXPERT KINSLEY

Testified in the Molineux Case Again Today

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The cross-examination of William J. Kinsley, the handwriting expert, was resumed in the Molineux trial today. In answer to questions asked by Mr. Weeks, the witness said that when a person was copying from writing placed before him the handwriting would be more or less constrained and unnatural. Mr. Kinsley was asked to describe the "everyday" writing of the defendant. He said it was a rapid hand and indicated extreme nervousness on the part of the writer. He said it was a flowing hand with a slight tinge of femininity in it. The hand was erratic, yet indicated a rapid action. It was not a fantastic hand, he said, in any sense of the word.

He said the defendant had peculiar ways of crossing a "t" and yet it was seldom crossed in the same manner. He said later in answer to questions, that every possible way in which "t" could be crossed was used by the defendant.

The witness said he did not place much importance on pen pressure.

Mr. Kinsley was then asked if he had not testified in the case of Dr. Samuel J. Kennedy, who was convicted some time ago of the murder of Dolly Reynolds and that he then placed great importance on pen pressure and nerve tremor. He said he did not remember, and was asked then if he did not testify in answer to questions that the first and most principal thing he observed in certain handwritings was pen pressure and nerve tremor. The questions were read by Mr. Weeks from the minutes of the Kennedy trial and the witness replied: "I cannot remember what I testified to at the Kennedy trial. If it says so in the minutes from which you are reading, then I presume I so testified."

The witness was then asked if he had ever examined the handwriting of Felix J. Gallagher, and replied that he had done so. A specimen of Gallagher's writing was offered in evidence by Mr. Weeks who said he did so for the purpose of comparison. Mr. Osborne objected to this specimen going into evidence.

The court refused to allow the specimen to go into evidence, but allowed it to be marked for identification. The Gallagher writing is said to be very similar to that of Molineux, the defendant, and the two men have been close friends.

Mr. Weeks asked Mr. Kinsley to do some vertical writing with pen and ink. Mr. Kinsley after having written one specimen was given a wrapped package about eight inches long and four inches square, and asked to write the address on the prison package, leaving room for five postage stamps. He was asked to use his natural handwriting in doing so. Mr. Kinsley did not object, but wrote the prison package address. Mr. Weeks then asked that the specimen of handwriting should be marked for identification and it was done.

The witness was next asked to reproduce on the black board some of the characteristics of his own handwriting.

The witness was kept at the black board for half an hour or more, being questioned by Mr. Weeks as to the characteristics of his own handwriting.

Recess.

A DOUBLE CRIME

Murderer Shot Down by Angry Mob

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DUNBAR, PA., Dec. 19.—Sanford White, superintendent of construction of the W. J. Raineycoke company was shot and killed today by David Pierce a colored employe. Pierce then fled to the mountains followed by an angry mob. He was discovered in hiding and was riddled with bullets. Death was instantaneous.

TALBOT MILLS

TO GET AN INCREASE OF WAGES

This noon the following notice was posted on the door of the Talbot mills, North Billerica:

"The wages of the employes of this mill will be increased January 1, 1900."

In an interview with the treasurer, Mr. F. S. Clark, he said that as yet he was unable to give the percentage of increase in the various departments, but that an increase would be given such as would place the wages paid by the Talbot mills equal to the highest wages paid by any company in the same line of business.

The wages now paid are higher on the average than those paid by most companies and are the same as paid previous to the cut in January, 1894. The wages were advanced after that in June, 1895, and in January, 1898, the company voluntarily raised the wages to those paid in 1892. The further advance voluntarily given to take effect in January, 1900, comes as a great surprise to the employes and makes a very acceptable Christmas gift.

The wages will be increased in all departments and alter than about 250 hands will be benefited.

GERMANY'S ISLANDS

HER FLAG HOISTED OVER SAMOAN ISLANDS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

APIA, Samoa, Dec. 13, via Auckland N. Z., Dec. 19.—The German flag was hoisted over the court house today as an official notification of the annexation of the islands by agreement to Germany. The German consul, on board the Cormorant, was interviewed by the Samoan chiefs. He replied that the Samoans could have their own kings and chiefs. They then informed the consul that Mataafa would be selected. Having declared their government, established the Mataafaites are driving the Malietoans out of the place.

BROWNS OF PRESBYTERY

NEW YORK BODY AGAINST DR. McGIFFERT'S TEACHINGS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—The New York Presbytery yesterday adopted resolutions disapproving of the teachings of Rev. Dr. A. C. McGiffert. There was a very large attendance at the session. The amendments of Rev. Dr. Francis Brown to the resolutions submitted by Rev. Drs. Van Dyke and Johnson were the subject of animated debate.

The resolutions prepared by Dr. Van Dyke and Dr. Johnson find that the teachings of the book entitled "A History of Christianity in the Apostolic Age," by Rev. A. C. McGiffert, are erroneous and liable to be misunderstood.

The resolutions warn those engaged in critical studies from accepting the disavowed teachings. The intention of Dr. Brown to prevent the presbytery from voting Dr. McGiffert in error aroused the greatest opposition and brought about the deefat of his proposed amendments.

Rev. J. C. Bliss offered an amendment warning those engaged in critical studies "to be careful to distinguish between the theories of criticism and the certainties of faith."

The resolutions as amended were then adopted.

While it was the unanimous opinion that this vote settled the matter finally as far as the New York presbytery is concerned, there was a difference of opinion as to whether the question is finally disposed of.

ROBERTS' CASE

More Witnesses Were Examined Today

THEY TOLD OF INTRODUCTIONS

In Which Mrs. Roberts Figured

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—A number of witnesses from Utah appeared today before the committee of the house which is investigating the case of Mr. Roberts of Utah. Mrs. Dr. Miles, a physician of Salt Lake City, was the first witness. She gave details of a call she made at the house of Mrs. Dr. Maggie Shipp-Roberts on April 12, 1897, relative to some medical society affairs.

She addressed Mrs. Shipp-Roberts as "Dr. Shipp," whereupon the witness said she was interrupted with the request "Doctor, you can call me Dr. Roberts."

Mr. Roberts went on to explain, the witness said, that she had been married to Mr. Roberts for seven years.

Subsequently, the witness called at the house on a visit. Mr. Roberts came in and was introduced. She could not recall whether there was a specific introduction as husband, or whether his entry was with such familiarity as to indicate a marital status. When Mr. Roberts cross-examined the witness she repeated the same story.

"Was the introduction as husband," he asked.

The witness could not remember.

Mr. Roberts submitted an objection that this testimony related to 1897, whereas the committee had no jurisdiction over him prior to his becoming a member of congress.

"Then you contend," said Chairman Taylor, "that the testimony should be confined to polygamous practices subsequent to March 4, 1897."

"I do," answered Mr. Roberts.

"The objection will be noted," replied the chairman.

The Rev. S. E. Wishard was the next witness. He said he knew both Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Roberts, and said his first meeting with the latter was in September, 1897. This occurred, he said, on the train at Manti, Utah. He was in the car with Roberts and spoke to him. A lady sat beside him and he beckoned to her and then introduced her, saying: "Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Wishard." Whether Roberts said "my wife" in making the introduction or simply said "Mrs. Roberts" the witness was not sure. But he was positive the introduction was as wife. Subsequently, Mr. Wishard said he called on Mrs. Roberts at her home to make sure he had made no mistake. The sign in the front of the house read: "Dr. Margaret C. Roberts." In the parlor he saw on the wall a large portrait of Roberts and on a table a small picture of him. He saw Mrs. Roberts, recalled to her the introduction on the train and she remembered it.

On cross-examination, Mr. Roberts brought out Mr. Wishard's opposition to Mormonism, and then asked: "Was Roberts drunk when he made this introduction referred to?"

"Not that I know of."

"Was he insane?"

"I do not know."

"What possible reason then," asked Mr. Roberts, "could Roberts have had for putting himself in such a position with one who opposed him?"

The witness said he could not explain reasons. He repeated that the facts were as stated.

Mr. Wishard said that in conversation with Mrs. Dr. Roberts he had asked her if the young lady in Washington with Roberts was her daughter and she answerd in the negative.

At the afternoon session, Mr. T. J. Brandon of Centreville, Utah, where he had been postmaster and probate judge testified that he had known B. H. Roberts for many years, also Louisa Smith Roberts and Celia Dibble Roberts. He knew the children of Louisa Smith Roberts, five or six in number. Celia Dibble Roberts also had six children. On August 11, 1897, it was reported in Centreville that B. H. Roberts had twins born to him by Celia Dibble Roberts. He had seen them frequently since then. He gave circumstantial details of other children of Celia Dibble Roberts, who, he said, were recognized in the town as the children of B. H. Roberts.

On cross-examination, witness said he was never to Celia Dibble Roberts, he never called at the house. He knew nothing as to Roberts' marital relations beyond general repute.

In reply to Chairman Taylor, Mr. Brandon said Celia Dibble Roberts now occupied the house formerly owned by Louisa Smith Roberts, who had about four years ago moved into a new house built by B. H. Roberts.

Mr. Ray Brandon, son of the former witness, testified that he knew Roberts, Louisa Smith Roberts, Celia Dibble Roberts and most, if not all of the children. It was generally reported that twins were born to Celia and B. H. Roberts and he had seen them and talked with them. On cross-examination Roberts brought out that the witness was absent at school for considerable periods, including the summer of last year, and his observations did not cover these periods.

Mr. Schroeder stated that this closed the evidence on hand, and it would be all, unless the committee wished further testimony.

Chairman Taylor asked Mr. Roberts what line he desired to follow. Mr. Roberts said he had no witnesses but he had some documentary evidence he wished to present and hoped that it would arrive tomorrow.

"Do you expect to place yourself on the stand as a witness?" asked Mr. Miers, a member of the committee.

"I do not," replied Mr. Roberts.

At the request of Representative Morris of the committee, Mr. Brandon returned to the stand and was asked by Mr. Morris as to the marital repute of Roberts and Celia and Louisa Roberts.

The witness replied: "Celia Dibble Roberts is recognized by the entire community as B. H. Roberts' second wife. She is dealt with by the Mormon church as his second wife. Louisa Roberts is recognized as his first wife. Margaret Shipp Roberts had come there once, to attend the funeral already referred to."

The records of these marriages were in the temple, the witness said, which was the only depositary of plural marriages. He said it was generally understood that Roberts was in the employ and paid by the church.

This brought about a sharp exchange between the witness and Roberts.

"Do you not know," asked Roberts, "that the Mormon church does not pay those ministering for it?"

"I know," replied Mr. Brandon, "that the rank and file are not paid, but the higher ones are paid."

"And is not B. H. Roberts in the rank and file?"

"No, sir, you are considered as one of the influential ones and at the time you were called down it was stated that you received $100 per month from the church."

"Did not Roberts deny it publicly?"

"I know," said the witness, "that the bishop says he sends a part of the tithing up there (to Centreville) to pay you."

"Do you not know that none of the tithing is sent there?"

"I only know what the bishop says."

Mr. Ray Brandon was recalled to give evidence of general repute along the same lines as his father.

It was decided to hear the arguments on the case on January 4. During the holiday recess a sub-committee will hear other witnesses who may come from Utah.

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THE FEDERATION

Declared Against Slavery at Today's Meeting

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—The American Federation of Labor today declared against slavery within the jurisdiction of the United States in a resolution which alleged that 100,000 slaves are now working under contract in the Hawaiian islands and that the act admitting Hawaii to the United States domain provides for the continuation of these contracts.

A proposition for the establishment of a court of five arbitrators to be appointed by each annual convention of the federation to settle all questions of jurisdiction between the different federated bodies was rejected.

Resolutions were adopted favoring shorter hours for barbers; urging the government to provide more worthy life boats; requesting placing of union labels on school books and endorsing the granite cutters 'contention for an 8-hour day.

After considerable discussion the question of granting a federation charter to the piano and organ workers, giving them jurisdiction over certain other factory employes, was recommitted. The convention then went into executive session under special order on the proposition to release the linotype machine tenders from jurisdiction of the typographical union.

The debate between the printers and machine delegates as to whether the linotype machine tenders should be transferred to the machinists' jurisdiction was long and warm. The convention finally voted that the executive council of the federation appoint a committee to arbitrate the matter.

The question of sympathetic strikes was considered in executive session this afternoon. The subject was the expulsion of the Detroit musicians by the central labor union. It was decided that the federation had no power to interfere with the rights of any organization as to strikes.

When the open session was resumed, a lengthy report was read from the committee on President Gompers' report. Nearly all the sections of the document were approved by the committee.

As to President Gompers' expressions upon "Our New Possessions and Militarism," the committee deplored "The ever spreading encroachments being made upon civil religious liberties" which it regarded as a "step backwards in evolution of freedom, which is fraught with great danger."

The committee stated that when the Porto Ricans and Filipinos were deprived of their right to self-government, then freedom was in great danger. Lovers of political and industrial liberty were urged to unite in defense of such inalienable rights. The declarations made by those in authority concerning forcible extension of territory for the alleged purpose of extending commercial interests, were stated to be only a means for subjugation of the inhabitants. The convention adopted unanimously the committee resolution declaring against such extensions.

The convention voted to raise the salary of the president from $1500 to $2100 and of the secretary from $1500 to $1800.

A special committee which endeavored to settle the theatrical employes' boycott against Detroit theatres reported failure of the attempt to bring the Detroit managers and their late employes together. The theatres of Detroit were ordered put on the unfair list.

SALE AND TEA

HELD BY THE LADIES OF THE UNITY CLUB.

A sale and tea were held yesterday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. Frank E. Shaw, Tyler Park, under the auspices of the ladies of the Unity club.

The weather was not all that might be desired, but despite that fact there was a good attendance and sales were lively. All of the spacious rooms on the first floor of the elegant home were devoted to the sale and tea tables. It was a pretty and animated social function and the proceeds are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

The ladies who assisted in the dining rooms were: Mrs. Henry Church, Mrs. Edward Thomas, Mrs. Walter Parker, Mrs. Frank Putnam and Mrs. Horace Beals. The other committees were as follows: Fancy work, Mrs. G. H. Gibson, Mrs. Samuel Burbank and Mrs. George Larrabee; sewing table, Mrs. Fred Kilgore, Mrs. John Stott and Mrs. George Evans; cake table, Mrs. George Henley, Mrs. Thomas Mather, Mrs. Carl Burt, Mrs. Harry Parker and Mrs. Forr; candy table, Mrs. Frank Stowell, Mrs. Albert Green and Mrs. Horace Beals. Miss Stilla officiated at the door.

Charlotte Morton ran a very successful gypsy booth where she told of the past, present and future. The reporter was informed by one of the ladies that every one who attended the sale had her fortune told and all were well pleased with the results. There were two prizes that were drawn for after the sale was over. One was a picture and the other a doll. Mr. Joseph P. Courtney was the winner of the first prize and Mr. George Manning came into the possession of the doll. The doll's name is Lizzie and the ladies had quite a discussion as to what the doll's other name shall be. The finally decided to leave it to Mr. Manning.

POLICE BOARD

LICENSES GRANTED AND REVOKED AT MEETING.

The following licenses were granted last night at the meeting of the board of police:

Theatres, Mack & Dempsey, Savoy, Doody & Co., Music Hall.

Express, Carlos O. Grimes, 17 Ware.

Pool table, Richard Hayes, 121 Gorham; James Cuff, 51 Fletcher.

Auctioneer, T. F. Kelley, 16 Middlesex. Common victualler, Susetta T. Joy, 203 Gorham; Marie Choiniard, 255 Aiken; Diana Bergeron, 249 Gorham.

Hawker and pedlar, James Doyle, 416 School.

The following licenses were revoked: Common victuallers, Diana Bergeron, 151 Central; Prosper Miot, Lee.

Express, Eugene E. Stoughton, No. 54; theatre, J. Henry Collins, Gaiety, Merrimack street.

Leave to withdraw was granted Cesare Morneau, 759 Aiken street on application for a common victualler's license.

The special police warrant of John M. Harvey, Wentworth block, was revoked.

DR. FINNEY DEAD

HE INVENTED THE TROLLEY SYSTEM FOR STREET CARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FOX LAKE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Dr. E. J. Finney, the inventor of the trolley system of propelling street cars, died here today. He had over 35 electrical patents, many of them of great value, but did not possess the faculty of making them pay him much money.

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DEEP SORROW

Felt for General Lawton's Death

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—The death of Gen. Lawton has cast a gloom over the troops here and most of the soldiers have vowed vengeance against the Filipinos. As to the manner of his death it is said he exposed himself to unnecessary danger on the firing line directing the attack of his troops upon Gen. Geronimo's entrenched insurgent force.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen. Lawton; but the attack was difficult, because of the natural defences of the town.

Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line, within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore and a light yellow rain coat. He was easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature.

The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed, with his usual contempt for bullets.

Suddenly he exclaimed, "I am shot," clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer.

Orderlies rushed across the field for the surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid on a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general.

Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors, and a cavalry escort following. The troops filed bareheaded through the building where the body laid; and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief, as though each man had suffered a personal loss.

The body has been removed to Manila where his family lived in a government building.

CONFIRMED BY OTIS

HE REPORTS THAT GEN. LAWTON WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The war department last night received the following official confirmation of the killing of Gen. Lawton near San Mateo, Luzon:

Manila, Dec. 20, 1899.

Gen. Lawton, engaged in driving the insurgents from the San Mateo section of country, northeast of Manila, was killed instantly at 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning. This is a great loss to us and his country. OTIS."

POLICE PENSIONS

Law Which City Council Has Accepted

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR IN DOUBT

How it Affects the Police Department

All that now remains to make the police pension order of the city council effective is Mayor Crowley's signature.

There is some doubt as to whether or not His Honor will give the matter his official sanction for his attitude last night was not very encouraging to the friends of the movement.

This measure was passed by the city council during the administration of ex-Mayor Fifield, but the latter vetoed it and it has not been heard from since until last night, when it passed with but little opposition. The entire law which the city council adopted is as follows:

Chap. 378 of Acts of 1892—Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1. The board of mayor and aldermen of any city, except the city of Boston, containing not less than 75,000 inhabitants by the last state or national census, may retire from active service and place upon a pension roll: First, any member of the police department of such city who has arrived at the age of sixty-five years and who has performed faithful service in said department for a period of not less than 15 years.

Second, any member of said department who shall be certified to said board in writing by the city physician of such city as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically by injuries sustained through no fault of his in the actual performance of duty, from further performing duty as such member.

Third, any member of said department who has performed faithful service therein for a period not less than twenty years, if, in the judgment of said board, said member is incapacitated for useful service in said department.

Section 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall not exceed one-half of the annual compensation received by him at the time of such retirement, in case such person is retired on account of injuries received, and shall not exceed one-third of such compensation in case such person is retired on account of age or service, the same to be paid by the city.

Section 3. Cities within the provisions of this act are hereby authorized to appropriate money to provide for the payment of the pensions authorized by this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of any city coming within its provisions.

The petition sent into the city council bears the following signatures: Hon. George F. Richardson, A. C. Wheelock, Wm. H. Anderson, Samuel P. Hadley, C. H. Hanson, George Runels, Michael Corbett, Charles J. Glidden, T. Costello & Co., D. H. Varnum, E. M. Tucke, J. Tyler Stevens, R. G. Bartlett, George H. Wood, Arthur H. Hosford, James H. McDermott, E. A. Smith, Daniel Gage, George C. Dempsey, J. L. Chalifoux, Walter L. Parker, S. K. Dexter, O. B. Ranlett, Jas. H. Buttrick, Edward W. Trull, Edward L. White, Percy Parker, E. W. Thomas, Addison Putnam, Frank P. Putnam, Freeman B. Shedd, Asa C. Russell, Crawford Burnham, Wm. B. Spalding, C. I. Hood, S. C. Davis, John J. Donovan, George J. Carney, John T. Vigeant, Joseph Marin, A. G. Pollard, Frank W. Hall. It will be seen readily that some of the heaviest taxpayers in Lowell are on the list of petitioners.

There are only three men on the police department who are 65 years of age and none of them is incapacitated from duty. In fact, Albert Libby, who patrols Centralville Hill, is one of the most efficient day officers and is 65 years of age. City Hall Officer Jones is 65 years of age. Court Officer Isaac Libby is 72 years of age. All three are able to do duty well and would not be retired under the new law. The only officer to be affected by the pension law at present would be Court Officer Henry Carrington, who is 51 years of age and a victim of paralysis.

Supt. Davis is in favor of the measure and says:

"If the law goes into effect, it will not entail much additional expense to the city. At no time would there be more than four or five on the pension list. I hope the mayor will sign the order."

BOSTON RECOUNT

Shows no Material Change in Results

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The recount of the city's vote at the recent election which had been in progress at Horticultural hall for two days was finished last evening about 7 o'clock.

No changes in the successful candidates were developed during the recount.

By the revised figures Mayor-elect Hart increases his plurality over Collins by 18 votes, giving his a total lead of 2278.

E. W. Presho, rep., who went into the recount for street commissioner with a lead of only 142 over Duane, dem., by the final returns has a plurality of 352.

Dr. Bulger, dem., by the recount leads Mr. Ernst, rep., for the school committee by 468 and is elected.

The recount for alderman in the district comprising wards 22 and 23, showed only a slight change of figures as follows:

FATHER'S LETTERS

Bought by Miss Helen Gould

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20—Miss Helen Gould's name figured in the Harlem police court yesterday morning in a case in which four women dressmakers were the principals. Three of the women accused the fourth, Mrs. Alice L. Snyder, 46 years old, of No. 161 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, of luring them into partnership with her by advertisements and then taking all their money. She had a store in Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn. Two had paid $500 each to Mrs. Snyder, they said, and the third had paid $50 to her.

Mrs. Emma L. C. Van Winkle, of No. 117 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, said that before she put $500 in Mrs. Snyder's hands the latter had assured her that Miss Helen Gould was a customer and a personal friend of hers. Mrs. Van Winkle wrote to Miss Gould and received in reply this letter, which was presented in court yesterday:

No. 597 Fifth avenue, April 13, 1899:

Mrs. E. L. C. Van Winkle:

Dear Madam: letter of April 11 has reached me, and in reply I would say that all I know of Mrs. Alice Snyder is that many years ago her husband had business connections with my father, during the course of which my father had to communicate with Mr. Snyder by letter. Subsequently finding that Mrs. Synder was in need of money, I offered to pay certain sums for such of my father's letters as she held in her possession. I also gave her some sewing to do, but have never met her personally and cannot vouch for her business ability, as I know nothing about it. Very truly,

HELEN GOULD,
Per G. M. L.

Mrs. Florence Monroe, of No. 122 West Forty-fourth street, the principal complainant, said that Mrs. Snyder had also told her that Miss Gould was one of her customers. She went to see Miss Gould, and the latter told her about buying the letters.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, of No. 35 Seventh avenue, said that Mrs. Snyder had defrauded her in the same way.

All three women said Mrs. Snyder had some strange mesmeric power, and that even after they discovered that she was deceiving them, they went on with her in the business. Mrs. Snyder was held in $1,000 bail on a charge of grand larceny.

Mrs. Monroe told Magistrate Flammer that Miss Gould's secretary had told her that Miss Gould had paid Mrs. Snyder several hundred dollars for the letters in question, as Mrs. Snyder had represented that the letters would be very injurious if published. Miss Gould, the secretary said, had found the letters to be of no importance.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

SOUTH BILLERICA.

The sale of the Holland farm at South Billerica last week to Mrs. Eliza Grady of Wamesit street, Lowell, was the biggest transfer of suburban property consummated in the Boston real estate market for many weeks. Edward T. Harrington & Co., handled the sale. The money consideration is not stated. The land comprises about 35 acres and a set of new buildings. The purchaser will soon take possession.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DANIEL McDONALD, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Peter A. Mackenzie of Lowell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Lowell, in said county of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D., 1900, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least, before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, judge of said court, this nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON

WAS OVERPAID BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Mr. R. J. Tracewell, the controller of the treasury, has revised the action of the auditor of the navy department in the claim of Rear Admiral William T. Sampson for pay as rear admiral while performing the duties of that grade. In making the readjustment, Controller Tracewell finds that Rear Admiral Sampson was allowed $549 too much by the auditor for the navy department in arriving at the differences in pay in the various grades which Admiral Sampson held.

SOLON STEVENS

Gave Interesting Lecture Before the Mathews

UNION MEETING OF THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Other Social and Fraternal Meetings

Mr. Solon Stevens last evening delivered the last lecture under the auspices of the literary committee of the Mathew Temperance Institute at their hall in the Mansur Block.

The subject taken by Mr. Stevens was "Scholarly Spirit" and after expressing his appreciation of the honor done him in being invited there, he said in part:

"George W. Curtis once in an address to young people alluded to the following picture: An old man and an old woman, decrepit with age were walking one day in the woods when they beheld in front of them a young man and woman in the full vigor of life and health. They recognized in the couple themselves as they had appeared years ago, when they were young and healthy.

"Young men, I see this picture before me tonight and as I look upon it, my thoughts turn back to my youthful days. What I wish to impress upon you this evening is for you to maintain a scholarly spirit in all your doings in this world. Cultivate a habit of performing tasks in a scholarly manner. Use your intelligence as well as your muscles and you will succeed. Brains are bound to count for something. You are just starting in life and the first question that confronts you is: How shall I succeed?

"Life may be compared to a battleship: they both have to face the same dangers of sunken reefs, etc. It is a well known fact that no two men have have taken the same route in life.

"Again, life may be compared to the drama, with the world as the stage and the people the actors. To my mind, life is a great school and we are the pupils, all under the same master, under whom we are trained, and the man who is best trained will be the one who will succeed. Those who do their work the best are the most successful ones and brains the winner.

"I do not maintain that when a young man leaves school or college that his education is finished; it is only just begun. School and college but prepare a man for a scholarly life; he must learn things in everyday life. It is the man who makes the most of opportunities that is the most successful; the self-made man is the man of power, the one who does not stop when he leaves college, but keeps right on educating himself all through his life. Education is part of a man's life, just as much as his religious or moral growth.

"A man may do much by the use of good books. These are of two kinds: books of power and books of knowledge. The book of power is the one which governs the conduct of life, inasmuch as it teaches by moving the heart and mind simultaneously.

"Self reliance is a thing a young man must learn. He must learn to strike out for himself and not to lean upon others. There is no better time than the present for scholarly minds. New avenues have been opened and the man with brains has a good chance to succeed. Brag and bluster may triumph for a while. In the beginning but in the end brains and character will tell every time."

This closed Mr. Stevens' address and he was tendered a rising vote of thanks by the society.

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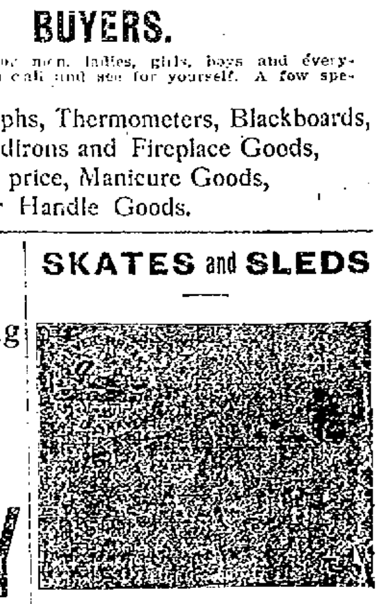

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EIGHT HOUR LAW

Promises to Mix up City Affairs

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYES MAY BE NEEDED

And Wages May be Cut Down

Since the recent city election determined that henceforth city laborers shall be employed only eight hours a day, the city officials are doing considerable thinking and figuring as to just what it means and how it is to be met. The law will not go into effect until after next Tuesday when the aldermen will accept officially the result of the election. Then Mayor Crowley will notify the heads of departments that the eight-hour law has gone into effect and then what?

Then what? is what is at present bothering Agent Knapp of the health department, Supt. Cheney of streets, and Supt. Beals (who is not fired) of sewers, City Messenger Fagan, Sec. Courtney of the outdoor relief department and other employes of city laborers who have work that must be done if it takes 24 hours out of the 24.

The law is as follows:

Chap. 344—An act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed or who may hereafter be employed by or on behalf of any city or town in this commonwealth.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall not take effect in any city or town until accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an annual election. Such vote shall be taken by ballot. When so accepted, this act shall take effect from the date of such acceptance. Approved May 6, 1899.

In the first place the law provides no penalty for disobedience of its requirements and it might not be enforced at all though that is extremely doubtful as a laborer will hardly work longer than the law requires without raising objections. But if the law is disregarded and a city official is taken into court the court can hardly do anything more than to notify him officially that the law must be enforced and then fine him for contempt of court if he should persist in disregarding its provisions. There are ordinances in existence which are not enforced because they have no penalties attached to them.

But the great question arising from the eight-hour law is how extra work is to be accomplished. In some cases extra men will be needed but here the official requiring them is tied up by his appropriation which does not provide for the salary of extra men. In such cases the only way left is to cut down the pay of those working in order to pay the extra help. Then those so cut down will make a vigorous protest and in some cases abandon their jobs leaving the official in a tight place.

The question has been asked, Does the eight-hour law affect patrolmen in the police departments? Each member of the day shift works 9 1-2 hours. There are 21 day men. Now, if these work eight hours four new day men will be necessary to cover the time now being covered by the 21. But besides the patrolmen, there are two patrol wagon officers, working 12 hours a day each. If these are affected one more man for the wagon is needed. There are two patrol wagon drivers working 12 hours each and again an additional man must go to work. The police department hostler works 12 hours a day. He will either have to hustle his work along or else another man will be required. There is also a night operator on the police signal who works 12 hours. All these, too, work seven days a week. It is quite probable that the law will be modified to exclude policemen and firemen.

But the other departments are in a quandary, particularly the health department. Agent Knapp has thought of the matter but not having received official knowledge of the law has not taken any action in the matter. Discussing the eight-hour measure, Agent Knapp said:

"Our department is peculiarly situated. We have work to do that must be done promptly it matters not what time regulations may be made by law. We must gather swill and ashes without loss of time, otherwise we have the citizens after us. Moreover, we must have regular periods for gathering each so that each householder knows just about what time to expect us. We must collect swill and ashes in as few hours as possible. In the work of collecting much time is lost going to and from the stable to the further ends of the city and while a man may work hard under short hours, they will show little results. Our men go to work now about 7 o'clock. Under the 8-hour law, they will begin work at 7.30. I have found from experience that the early hours in the morning are the best of the day and we cannot afford to lose that half hour. If they will allow us to compute time on a basis of 48 hours per week which is equivalent to eight hours a day, we could get along very nicely and give the men a half holiday on Saturday which I believe would suit them as well as an eight-hour day. However, we shall endeavor to comply with the law when properly notified that it has gone into effect."

The Sun reporter spoke with City Messenger Fagan on the matter and he said: "In my department are an engineer and an assistant who work ten hours a day seven days in the week for $3 and $2 respectively per day and two firemen who also work 70 hours per week at 15 cents per hour. There is that much work to be done no matter how many do it and there is no money allowed me for additional help. The firemen get paid for overtime work while the engineers do not, although frequently they are obliged to work overtime. I am not aware as yet what course will be pursued. It may be that we shall be privileged to hire additional help or we may have to allow our firemen to continue working paying them overtime. The janitors all work over eight hours per day. Some days Janitor Delmage gets in 18 hours out of the 24. He goes to work at 8 in the morning and is obliged to remain until all meetings are over and some of them do not adjourn until midnight."

Secretary Courtney when seen said: "I am wondering whether or not the ambulance drivers come under that law. The ambulance stable must be covered at all hours if we have to employ extra men."

Supt. Cheney was too hard to find, but Supt. Beals whom we are pleased to state is still holding his job, said: "There are about 150 men working on the sewer department. They work 9 hours a day but I don't think the eight-hour law would necessitate the hiring of any more ordinary laboring men. I presume it would affect the bricklayers, however, as they are paid by the hour. We have three watchmen on duty at present who work 12 and 13 hours per day. Watchmen are necessities and if their hours are cut down another shift and consequently more money would be needed."

City Engineer Bowers and Supt. Thomas of the water board will undoubtedly need additional men under the new law and on the whole the enforcement of the new law will mix up matters somewhat if it doesn't find jobs for numerous more or less worthy applicants.

THE 58 HOUR LAW

Cheif Wade Thinks Spirit is Violated

Chief Wade of the state police says he has no hesitancy in saying that the spirit of the 58 hour law, if not the letter, is being violated.

"The law was passed with a view to establishing 58 hours as the maximum number weekly for women and minors in the mills, and the exchange or shifting of help who have worked the full number of hours from one mill to another that they may work overtime nights is, in my opinion, an evasion of the law," said Chief Wade.

"If the present law does not fully cover the matter, then it will have to be amended by the legislature, for if help could work the required 58 hours during the day, and then go to another mill and work nights, they easily could work almost 100 hours a week, which would be even a worse state of affairs than existed before any law regulating the number of working hours was passed.

"There is no question about the intent of the law. It was passed to shorten the hours of labor and fix a standard. In 1874 the 10-hour law was passed to reduce the number of hours for women and minors, and it was complied with chiefly up to the time of the passage of the 58-hour law. This has continued up to the present time, with but few exceptions, and most of the employers have lived up to it.

"It seems strange to me that employes should help to evade a law made expressly to shorten their hours and to establish a precedent for longer hours than provided by law. If, as is stated in the papers, the help go to another mill at night and work overtime, the laboring people themselves are evading the law. The purpose of the law is plain, and it was even suggested that 54 hours constitute a week's work, which shows conclusively that the legislature passed the law with the express purpose of giving the operatives shorter hours.

"If the law can be evaded in the manner set forth then a worse condition presents itself than if there was no law. For instance, a number of mills that desired to run nights would only have to shift their employes from one to another, provided the employes were willing to work overtime. Should any of the employes be ordered to go to another mill to work or be intimidated, then this would be a conspiracy to evade the law, and action could be brought against the employers."

Chief Wade is looking into the matter, and will see if the law cannot reach this alleged evasion of its intent.

AT KEELY INSTUITE

"JACK" DAY, THE YOUNG BROKER, IS THERE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Jack" Day, the youthful broker who it is said married Lillie Menzies of the "'Round New York in Eighty Minutes" company, some days ago is at the Keeley Institute in White Plains.

"I don't even know that I am married," he said yesterday to a World reporter.

"Your father admits that Miss Menzies is your wife, and it is said that she has exhibited a marriage certificate to friends."

"Well! If my father says I'm married I suppose I am," the young man rejoined, "but I don't believe that any marriage certificate has been on exhibition," and he smiled.

"Are you going back to your wife, or are you going to try to have the marriage annulled?"

"I have no idea what I shall do. Besides, it would not be proper for me to make a statement now. It might prejudice my future action."

Mr. Day went to White Plains Saturday night, accompanied by his father, a wealthy merchant of this city.

NEW WELLS

LAND SELECTED ON BEAVER BROOK BANK NEAR N. H. LINE.

The land upon which the new driven wells are to be located has been selected by X. H. Goodnow, engineer for the state board of health, who visited Lowell yesterday for the purpose of making tests and examinations with a view to locating the land for the experimental wells.

He finally selected land near the New Hampshire line, close by the side of the brook. The land, which lies above Collinsville, is sandy and flat and promises well for the purpose. The state board has made chemical tests of the water in the brook and finds it to be free from carbonic acid gas. If the water under the brook is of similar quality it will be most desirable for city use. It is the carbonic acid gas that gives the water the sparkle it has, and which makes it so palatable. It is also the element that makes the water dangerous. After the 2 wells are sunk the water board will sink more wells on the boulevard, above the present engine house, and it is hoped that a sufficient supply will be obtained, so that the wells at the city farm may be shut down. The water board and the state board of health are working in unison and it is believed that they will reach a solution of the difficulty very soon.

BANK ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The National Bank of Port Jarvis, New York, did not open its doors for business yesterday. A notice signed by President Francis Marvin was posted saying that a temporary suspension was made necessary by the stringency in the New York money market. The suspension is attributed primarily to the recent defalcation of L. E. Goldsmith, the assistant cashier.

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AT BASKET BALL

Some Modifications Necessary to Present Game

THAT HAVE ARIZEN IN CONTESTS

Discussed at Meeting of the National League

At the recent meeting of the National Basket Ball League the New York delegation present argued that close attention should be given to the three men in a scrimmage rule, and also asked that some provision be made in the rules for doing away with the practice some teams have, of constantly jockeying for time.

Mr. Smith of Trenton, N. J. gave it as his opinion that the game was becoming rougher, but this was explained by the fact that the teams are more evenly matched than before, and it is a known fact that where two almost equally strong teams meet in a sport as speedy as basket ball, there is bound to be a slight element of roughness, although not intentional. Much of the deliberate rough playing, which in spite of the intense rivalry existing between the clubs, is rare in national league matches, is done while the referee's back is turned, and to overcome this difficulty Mr. Magenweek suggested that an assistant official be placed in the cage to help the referee by keeping an eye open for rough work on the part of the players at one end of the floor while the referee is following the ball and the men playing it at the other end. The suggestion was not adopted, however, as it is desired to keep all legislation on the floor in the hands of a single official.

The three men in a scrimmage rule came in for considerable discussion, and there was some talk of going back to the old method of penalizing the third man for merely touching the ball, but it was plain that this would result in annihilating the short hand to hand pass which several of the teams use to such telling advantage and besides the referee would be kept busy calling and the game delayed by the frequent offenses. It was also proposed to legislate against the advantage which some teams get by having a good jumper get in scrimmages wherever possible by compelling the players to jump according to their positions, viz. center against center, and guard against forward, or by selecting as the jumpers the two men nearest the ball just before the actual scrimmage took place. It being the object of the league to place a high premium on clever, scientific play wherever possible the rule was allowed to stand as written.

To avoid the constant wasting of time by having the entire team file off the floor for instructions from coaches whenever a man is injured, a new clause is added to the playing rules barring any player but the one injured from leaving the cage during the game. In cases where the man is so badly hurt as to require assistance in leaving the floor he shall be assisted to the door by his team, where he is taken care of by the manager and substitutes. The referees were instructed to notify the players at the end of two minutes on delays, and then at the expiration of three minutes' limit to put the ball in play whether both teams were ready or not.

The P. A. C. and Father Scully's team of Cambridgeport come together tonight at Associate hall and a warm game is looked for. The P. A. C. will have its usual strong team on the floor and expects to land the victory.

All arrangements are now completed for the big P. A. C.-Burke game Christmas night at Associate hall. The biggest crowd of the season will undoubtedly be on hand to witness the finest game yet played in this city.

On the afternoon of January 6th second teams of the Burkes and P. A. C. will play their second game of the season at Associate hall. This hall is engaged for every Saturday night, so the teams had to select an afternoon. The game will be just as exciting, however, as though played at night.

MISS MACKENZIE

ACCEPTS AN ENGAGEMENT WITH A NEW COMPANY.

Miss Mary Gertrude Mackenzie, the popular young actress of this city has accepted a new engagement to support Miss Mary Sanders, formerly of the Castle Square stock company who is to make her debut as a star at the Tremont Theatre in Boston on January 22, 1900. Miss Mackenzie severed her connection with the Madam Janauschek company in the west to accept the position offered her by Manager Johnston. Her Lowell friends will be glad to hear of her success, and they will have an opportunity of seeing her in Little Nell and the Marchioness, a play founded upon Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop which is the production under preparation by the new company. The dramatic papers give Miss Mackenzie some flattering notices.

CORPORATION SOLD

TACK PROPERTY BROUGHT $250,000

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The property of the Atlas Tack corporation was offered for sale by public auction yesterday at Boston real estate exchange. The sale was made under the terms of the mortgage executed between the Atlas people and the State street trust company.

The only bid then offered was from K. I. Harrison of New York, and the property was knocked down to him at $250,000. It is understood that he was acting in behalf of H. H. Rogers of the Standard Oil company, who holds the bonds of the corporation.

BOXING GOSSIP.

George Gardiner, the clever Lowell middle weight, who returned to this city last Friday fresh from a victory at New York over Jack Moffatt of Chicago, wishes to state that if "Billy" Reagan, the middleweight boxer, now in this city, wants to meet him, he, Gardiner, will gladly arrange a bout with him. George said he heard Reagan made the remark that he would like to meet him and says it is now up to him to keep good his word. Gardiner says he will meet Reagan at any time or place and arrange a bout. It can be pulled off easily in Lynn.

Albert Griffith (Young Griffo,) who produced a sensation in the featherweight class about five years ago by his wonderfully clever style of boxing, met Terry McGovern, the present kingpin, for the first time at the latter's dressing room at a Chicago theatre the other evening. It did not take long for the two boxers to begin discussing matters. "How are you getting along?" started McGovern. "Very well," replied the Australian. "I had an awful time of it for a while though. Too much money brought on too many wine suppers, and I wouldn't work at all. But I am getting strong again, with boxing every day and I really think that I'll get my old speed again."

"Well, you ought to make lots of money if you behave yourself, Griff," replied the Brooklyn lad.

On the night of Dec. 23, before the members of the Chicago athletic association, Griffo will wind up his regular bi-weekly show going six rounds with some eastern boxer. Owen Zeigler, the Philadelphian is being talked of as the probable opponent of the Australian, but it more than likely that Zeigler is too heavy for Griffo in the latter's present condition. The 6-round contest will act as a sort of a try-out for Griffo and if he shows his old form he will immediately go to New York and challenge anybody at the lightweight limit. Sam Harris, McGovern's manager may look after the interests of the Australian.

GEORGE L. MOORE

WILL NOT BE AT HEAD OF MERRIMACK WOOLEN MILL.

While the Merrimack woolen mills at the Navy Yard will in all probability start the middle of January, George L. Moore, the North Chelmsford manufacturer, will not be connected with the company that is to manage the plant as was stated. He will have no connection whatever with the mill.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

FELT IN THE OHEINGAU DISTRICT, GERMANY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Berlin says: "Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 8 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning in the Oheingau district, between Frankfort and Wiesbaden. The houses were shaken and the people rushed wildly into the open air. No loss of life is reported.

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stop *forever* all weakening drains, feed the brain, replace wasted tissues, and send rich, flesh-building blood bounding through every part of the system, making every organ act, and causing you to glow and tingle with newly found strength. You're a new man, and can feel it! The greatest NERVE TONIC ever discovered. Palmo Tablets cure quickly and forever Nervous Debility, Varicocele, Atrophy, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Dyspepsia, Kidney Diseases. 50c. a box; 12 boxes (with guarantee, good as gold), $5.00. Sent anywhere. HALSID DRUG CO., Cleveland, O.

Sold at Goodale's Drug Store, the best and cheapest place in Lowell for drugs and medicines, 217 CENTRAL STREET.

SORE FEET
Caused by corns, bunions, or callouses, quickly cured by using WAKEFIELD'S FIR BALSAM SALVE. Price, 25c.
Goodale's Drug Store, cor. Central and Jackson Streets.

DAILY BARGAINS.

$100 UPRIGHT PIANO.

seven and one-third octaves. Used but little. Condition fine.

GEORGE A. GARDNER
30 PRESCOTT STREET.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—One Calligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 3x4, $10.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Mansur, Room 1, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 100 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE—Ten R. I. P. A. N. S. for five cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 100 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms in each tenement, price $2800. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $950. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 8 room-house, large barn and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1600. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 125 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $700. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $2000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Heir, Attorney.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 153 Market street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars. "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 40, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 463 Merrimack street. Tel. 686-4.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the life-study of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends, also advice on all business affairs. 382 Central street.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,500 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
Good for Home Brewing

These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO.,
Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the "SINGER"

Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold. Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines. Old Machines taken in exchange.

The Singer M'f'g. Co., 175 Middlesex Street.

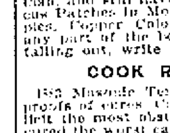
W. A. LEW, 49 John St.
CLOTHING CLEANED, DYED AND PRESSED.

BLOOD POISON

Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison Permanently Cured. You can be treated at home under same guaranty. If you have taken Mercury, Iodide Potash, and still have aches and pains, Mucus Patches in Mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, write

COOK REMEDY CO.

352 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., for proofs of cures. Capital, $500,000. We solicit the most obstinate cases. We have cured the worst cases in 15 to 35 days. 100-page Book Free.



Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

The Passing of the Old Year

has proven to us that people, a good many of them, too, have appreciated our efforts to serve them with the best coal. If you have never tried us, you should at once. The New Year will be the happier for you for using it.

D. T. SULLIVAN,
Coal, Wood, Lime, Etc.
984 Gorham St.
Branch Office, 127 Central street.
Telephone 713-2

WANTED.

WANTED—A horse and team for its keeping. Best of care. Address 4 Gates street.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required. New system, constant practice daily, wages Saturdays, steady position when through, tools donated. Illustrated catalogue mailed free. Moler's Barber School, 38 Bowery, New York city.

STENOGRAPHER—Young lady wants position as stenographer and general office work; four years experience; references; understands double entry bookkeeping. Address A. E. L., 342 Westford street, Lowell.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply at Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 231 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls, table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Donn, 138 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED—Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 231 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 124 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 111 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 139 East Merrimack street.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $8. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Bend, 228 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. G. Beharrell, Room 5, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pocketbook containing a small sum of money, between Lavery's bakery on Broadway and Adams street. Return to 316 Broadway.

FOUND—Pocketbook containing sum of money. Inquire of B. Delaney, Middlesex street.

LOST—A plain gold ring. Return to Letter Carrier 13, Lowell Post Office and receive reward.

LOST—Dog, on Middlesex street, near Thorndike, a small black dog. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to corner Park and Andover streets.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 31 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St.
Opposite American House.
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM, 182 Merrimack street.
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MEATS AND PROVISIONS

LOOK OVER
Our Stock of
Christmas Goods
Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150
C. W. Durant,
Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

AS AN INVESTMENT
DIAMONDS
ARE MOST EXCELLENT

They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

GRANT'S
The Reliable Jeweller,
No. 64 Merrimack Street.

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TABLE CUTLERY
FOR CHRISTMAS.

W. T. S. Bartlett
The Up-Town Hardware Store.
653 MERRIMACK STREET.

Strength, Vitality, Manhood.

THE PEABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4 Bulfinch St., Boston, Mass.
Opp. Revere House. Established 1860.

Chief Consulting Physician during the past 31 years, Graduate of Harvard Medical College, Class 1864; Surgeon 5th Regiment, Mass. Volunteers during war of the Rebellion. Always Cures Exhausted Vitality, Nervous and Physical Debility, Premature Decline, Varicocele, Atrophy (wasting) and all Diseases and Weaknesses of Men from whatever cause arising, whether young, middle aged or old. Consultation in person or by letter from 9 to 6, Sundays 10 to 1. The Diagnostician, or Know Thyself Manual, a vade mecum of medical advice, with unqualified endorsements and testimonials, price 50c, but sent free, sealed, to every male reader mentioning this paper and date, enclosing 6c. for postage. SEND NOW. Inviolable secrecy.

Peter J. Brady, Grocer.
NEW STORE:
Cor. Gorham and South Highland Streets
Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices

Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS.

They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. E. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room 14, Butterick building, over Daily News office.

HOLIDAY TRADE.

Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Tea Dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 5 Merrimack square. Telephone 68-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Mer'k.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases, Devine's 88 Merrimack street.

Elegant rubber tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone, 294-4.

Globes, fixtures, lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 242 Mid'x St. Tel. 573-5.

PLEASANT SOCIAL.

The Young People's society of High Street church held a very pleasant social in the vestry last evening, with a good attendance. The social was managed by Miss Josephine Ockington, who had planned games and other amusements for the entertainment of the guests. Refreshments were served from a daintily laid table, upon which branches of hemlock, and red and green ribbons were prettily arranged. It was a pleasant affair and was enjoyed by a large audience.

PROBATE COURT.

Yesterday morning at the session of probate court held in this city, the following wills were presented for probate:

Frederick Crosby, Medford; Eugeline F. Ransdell, Natick; James Sheehan, Newton; Edith L. M. Dickinson, Stephen Lynde, Billerica; Grace L. Getchell, Catherine McGrath, Lowell; Joshua H. Learned, Ashland; Charles A. Harriman, Framingham.

Administrations granted: Caroline E. Wedleigh, Katherine B. Maguire, Luther P. Davis, Somerville; James Conn, Watertown; Thomas F. Eagan, Franklin; Pauline R. Wilkins, Lexington; George F. Smith, Malden; Amelia Maguire, Daniel Keefe, John Sullivan, Cambridge; Charles L. Gill, Stoneham; Fred A. Russ, Arthur L. Clifford, Lowell; Alonzo S. Jones, Townsend.

Miss Kittie Smith of Glover, Vt., is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. Thomas H. Husband, 23 Davis Square. Miss Smith will stay over the holidays in Lowell.

Syrup of Figs, 25c. Dows' Drug Store.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 51 MERK ST.

STRIKE AVERTED

AT THE PARKER MILL OF FALL RIVER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 20.—The threatened strike of the Parker mill has been averted by the treasurer's agreement to pay his weavers the full advance of 10 per cent. The trouble was caused by the posting of weaving schedules which showed an advance of less than 5 per cent. in many grades of work. Special general meetings of the various labor unions have been called for different evenings this week to consider the overtime nights and Saturday afternoons. Labor secretaries reported this afternoon that the Robinson, Chase, and a large portion of the machinery in the Granite No. 3 mills were not in operation last night. They assert that this is the beginning of the end of night running. The officials of the carders' union have received complaints from many mills to the effect that the advance granted this class of operatives ranges from three to five per cent. only.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

$5,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG EMPLOYES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—At the request of Senator M. A. Hanna, the Little Consolidated Street railroad, of which he is president, will distribute $5,000 among employes Saturday night as a Christmas gift. The senator in a telegram to the directors says he wants to show the company's appreciation of the manly course taken by its employes during the late strike on the Big Consolidated lines when they refused to go out.

THOS. S. MARTIN

RE-ELECTED SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 20.—U. S. Senator Thomas S. Martin was re-elected yesterday for the term beginning March 4, 1901, by both houses of the assembly acting separately. Today the two houses will meet in joint session to canvass the vote and declare the result.

In the senate all present except Mr. Dinwiddie, republican, voted for Mr. Martin. In the house of delegates, not a vote was cast in opposition to Mr. Martin.

MASS. DELEGATION

TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ENGAGES QUARTERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The executive committee of the republican state committee has engaged quarters for the Massachusetts delegation to the national convention, Philadelphia, at Hotel Stenton, corner of Broad and Spruce streets. The Walton, almost next adjoining the Stenton, will be the headquarters of the national committee and where the delegations from Maine, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan and probably Indiana and Illinois will be housed. The Massachusetts delegation is assured splendid accommodations during the convention.

The plan now is to have the Massachusetts delegates leave Boston on June 18, for Philadelphia.

Mr. Edwin Davis, blacksmith for George C. Moore, is the inventor of a trip-hammer which is adapted for all kinds of light work. It goes by electric power.

GENERAL BROOKE

Turns Over His Command to General Wood

PROCLAMATION ISSUED AT HAVANA

Some Good Advice to the People of Cuba

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—General Brooke will issue tomorrow the following proclamation:

By direction of the president I hereby transfer to my successor, Major General Leonard Wood, the duties and responsibilities of the office of military governor, bespeaking for him that support and confidence which you have come to accord me. To those who have been associated with me in the performance of the difficult task of organizing and placing in operation the civil government of the island, I hereby tender this expression of appreciation and thanks for their loyal and patriotic support and assistance.

"A year ago I found the country most thoroughly devastated, its resources and commerce destroyed, and its rural population gathered into the cities without shelter and dying of starvation and exposure. The government of the United States immediately supplied food and work. In a short time these conditions passed away and now the country is rapidly pressing forward to a prosperity hitherto unknown in its history.

"Look about and see how true it is. The various steps that have led to the present condition are well known to you and need not be mentioned here. The change is truly marvellous. Without the semblance of civil government then you have now a complete organization. Your municipal and provincial governments are all in the hands of your own citizens. The military control is purely advisory and supervisory. Many of your laws have been modified and changed to suit the times in which you live, as well as the interests of good government. Your courts have been reorganized and are in good order. Law and order rules.

By your own industry and by a careful observance of these conditions, the full restoration of your social affairs and prosperity is assured. With the feeling that the future is in your hands to make or to mar, and trusting that wise counsels may prevail among you, I say to you farewell."

GOV. PINGREE

DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF MILITARY OFFICIALS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—A special from Lansing says:

Gov. Pingree today sent duplicate letters to adjutant-general Fred M. Case, Three Rivers, Quartermaster-General W. L. White, Grand Rapids and Inspector General Arthur S. Marsh, Allegan; complaining the state military board, asking for their resignations for the alleged irregularities said to have been discovered by the grand jury in their examination into the alleged sale of some $80,000 worth of military supplies by the board to the "Illinois Supply company," for $10,500.

Dennis T. Finnegan of Lawrence street is seriously ill with pneumonia.

OR WEAK STOMACH DISORDERED LIVER Constipation and Malaria

IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN

Nothing so quick to take effect as

JOHNSON'S STOMACH TABLETS

They Strengthen the Stomach, Stimulate the Liver, cure Constipation, and TONE UP THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. A new and perfect substitute for Liver Pills and Cathartics. None so good, and none so Cheap. Large Box (25 tablets) 25 Cents. By mail for five 2-cent stamps.

Made at The Johnson Laboratories, Inc., Philadelphia.

For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, cases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 14 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Here Are a Few Suggestions for You to Ponder Over.

UMBRELLAS. UMBRELLAS.

Look at the Prices.

No more useful and sensible gift than a nice Umbrella. We are carrying a BIG STOCK this season.

Gents' Mercerized Natural Wood Handles, Sterling Silver Mounts, at only $1.49.

Gents' English Serge, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Mounts, only 98c, 26 or 28 inches.

Ladies' English Serge, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Mounts, only 98c.

Ladies' English Serge, Fancy Horn Handles, only 98c.

Ladies' Taffeta Silk, Natural Wood, Silver Mounts, $1.98, worth $2.50.

Ladies' Tape Border Taffeta, Horn and Pearl Handles, only $2.49.

Together with an endless variety of Ladies' and Gents' Silk Umbrellas in extra fine Handles from $2.00 to $6.00 each.

Napkins, all linen, at 62c, $1.25, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75, to $3.50 per dozen.

LINENS. LINENS.

Elegant White Hemstitched Towels, all linen, at 25c.

Elegant Fringed Towels, all linen, at 25c.

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, all linen, at 25c.

All White and Fancy Bordered Table Covers at $1.49, 2 1-2 yards long.

Bleached Damask Linen Sets only $2.49.

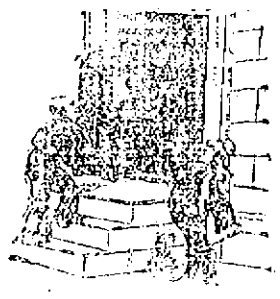
BLANKETS.

Extra all Wool Blankets, fancy borders, at $4.98 and up to $12.00 pair. (See window.)

Don't forget too, that we are selling Elegant Black and Colored Dress Goods and Handsome Plaids.

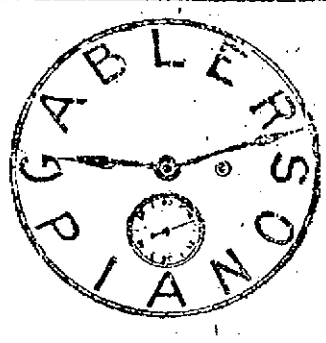
Cook, Taylor & Co.

CENTRAL STREET STORE.



HAPPY HAPPENINGS AT

Christmas —AT— Steinert's

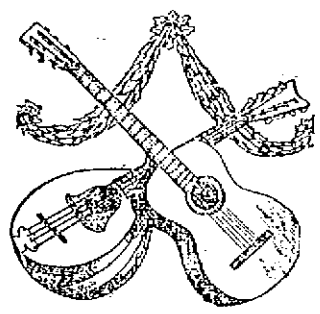


CHRISTMAS TIME.

Christmas shopping is never complete without visiting a music store. Months ago we anticipated the musical demands of Lowell. We are just loaded with Pianos, different makes, grades and prices. In this assortment you can be satisfied.

Steinway, Hardman, Gabler, Standard and Singer

INSTRUMENTS.



MUSIC BOXES.

The Regina, $7 upwards,
Music Rolls,
Violin, Guitar and Mandolin cases,
Music Stands,
Violins, Guitars, Banjos,
Mandolins, Accordeons,
All kinds of strings, etc. etc.

The Pianola

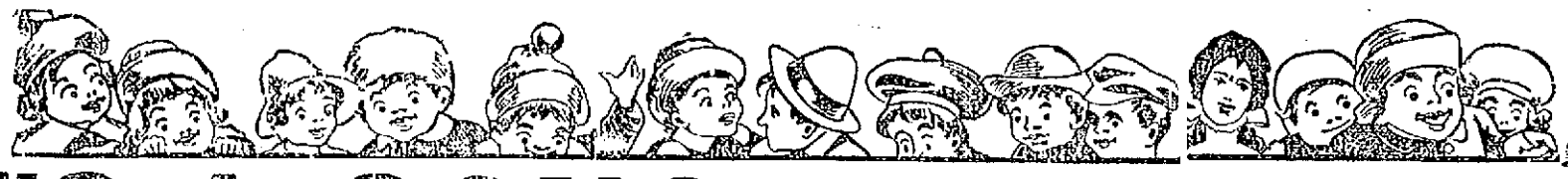
As a Christmas gift it means years of entertainment and education. Any member of the family can play it, and its refining influences cannot be overestimated.

PIANOLAS.

M. Steinert & Sons Co.

130 Merrimack Street. Operate 18 Stores. Established 40 Years.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL XMAS.



IT'S A CONCEDED FACT

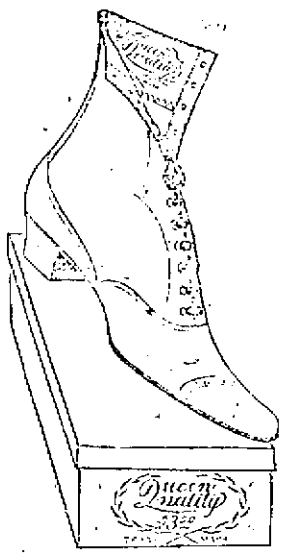
That we are headquarters for Toys, Dolls and Xmas Novelties. Now we want to talk on more staple lines, which make sensible gifts—such as BOOTS AND SHOES, Slippers, Leggings, Gaiters, Overshoes, Rubber Boots, Furs, Tea Gowns, Petticoats, Silk Waists, Cloaks, Umbrellas, Furniture, Blankets, Comforters, Men's Furnishings, Art Goods, Kid Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear, Infants' and Children's Wear, Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Neckwear, Mufflers, Leather Goods, Pictures, Easels, Chairs, Dress Patterns, Mackintoshes, White Skirts, Night Robes and Fine Underwear, Ribbons, Feather Boas and Neck Ruches, Jet Belts, Aprons, Knit Goods and many other things too numerous to mention. Following are a few good things for holiday trade.

SHOE DEPT.

We have not gone out of the shoe business. Nay, nay! We have a grander stock than ever before. Trade is good. We are happy and anxious to make you happy, too, by giving you good trades.

"Queen Quality" Shoes are made to fit the different types of feet. Are pretty to look at, delightful to wear. Sold only at our department.

$3 a pair



SLIPPERS.

They are going fast. A stack sold on Saturday, but have replenished stock this week. Ladies' slippers at $1.19 includes all the latest ideas in felts and leather, fur trimmed and opera shapes.

Ladies' Slippers at 98c embraces a large assortment of handsome goods in Romeos, Juliets, strap sandals, etc., fur trimmed, and otherwise. You may see these elsewhere at $1.25.

SOROSIS SHOES. The new shoes for women. Mannish lasts in all styles, heavy, medium and light weight. Tan, brown, and black. Also Storm Shoes, cut 10 inches long, heavy soles. We are sole agents. All styles. One price

$3.50 pair

SLIPPERS.

Ladies' Slippers, 49c, include all kinds of house slippers, in felt and leather, plain operas, bow strap slippers, etc., at bargain.

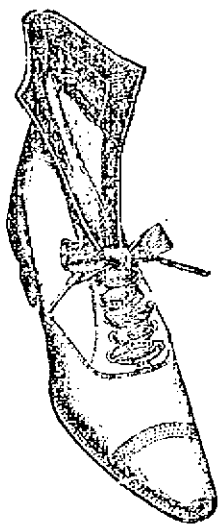
Men's Slippers at $1.49 takes in all the low ones, leather in all colors, new acts and trimmings, dainty yet comfortable. See the line.

Men's Slippers at 98c. Our popular sellers, 12 different styles to choose from. Leather in all shades. Made just like the higher grade goods and are bargains at the price.

NOW LISTEN! We have "bunched" (i. e. condensed) several lines of velvet embroidered slippers into 2 lots to make a hurrah and close out with a shout, every pair by Saturday night.

Lot 1.—All slippers which were 98c and over to go now at per pair,

73 cents



Lot 2—All 89c and 73c Slippers to go at per pair

49 cents

Boys' and Girls' Slippers in the newest cut, all colors, etc., 49c to 98c. Pretty things.

Ladies' fleeced Leggings in all lengths, full or half button. Our price

$1.23

Misses' fleeced Jersey Leggings all lengths. Same as ladies' only

98 cents

Children's fleeced Jersey Leggings, full length. Our price

75 cents

Boys' Grain Leather Faunteroy Leggings, in new tan shades, only

$1.25

Ladies' Gaiters (black only) in all lengths, 7 and 10 button, all prices, commencing at 19c and run up to $1.50. A big line.

Ladies' High Overshoes. New things, in button and buckle.

Button in best grade **$1.75**

Buckle in best grade **$2.00**

Boys' Rubber Boots in knee or Storm King pattern, and a few men's also. Get our prices before buying.

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Between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. daily.

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RESCUED THE GUNS

Report That Gen. Buller Called for Volunteers

To Retake Guns at Midnight From Where They Were Abandoned—More of the Battle of Tugela River—War Department Denounced

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Durban, Natal, dated Saturday, December 16, says it is rumored that General Buller called for volunteers to recover the abandoned guns and that a party issued from the camp after midnight and brought in the guns which were uninjured.

HOW BULLER WAS DUPED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Further accounts of the Tugela river battle emphasize the ignorance of the British intelligence department in regard to the disposition of the Boer forces. The British were not aware that the Boers were intrenched along a series of low lying hills, immediately northward of Colenso bridge, until a staggering fire compelled them to retreat when the attack seemed about to succeed. The Boers also were in greater strength than anticipated. It becomes clearer that the British guns were lost in attempting to get within effective range of the Boer artillery, showing that the latter out-ranged the British ordnance, which in spite of numerical superiority, was wholly inadequate to reply to the long range Boer guns.

The British war office comes in for scathing denunciation from the Times today for not providing effective artillery. It is pointed out in this connected that the longer range naval guns participating in the Tugela river attack, escaped.

There was no news this morning to enlighten the general situation. The war office reported that Gen. French Monday December 18, after shelling Jasfontein farm, three miles eastward of the Boer position, the New Zealanders advanced and occupied the farm. The Boer guns then opened and advanced to the attack, so General French ordered a retirement.

The latest news from Mafeking, dated December 6, has just been received. It says a desultory bombardment was continuing and that the sharpshooters were engaged in a smart duel mornings and evenings.

The dispatch also described a novel method of sending a message, adopted by some Boer December 4. A five-pound shell fired into the town that day did not explode. It was opened and found to contain a letter as follows.

"Dear Powell, (Col. Baden-Powell). Excuse from messenger. No other means of communicating. Please tell Mrs. —— mother and family, all well. Don't drink all the whiskey. Leave some for us when we get in."

The sender's signature was torn off.

MORE OF TUGELA RIVER BATTLE

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—It still seems doubtful whether the guns that General Buller abandoned at Colenso are in the possession of the Boers. According to a dispatch to the Associated Press, from Durban, sent on the evening of the battle, and which has just been received here, the guns remained where they were left by the British troops and were covered by the heavy guns of General Hildyard's brigade, occupying an intrenched position. The dispatch adds that the Boers have not thus far attempted to cross the river and carry off the guns.

Advices to the Associated Press from Pretoria under the same date, says than an official Boer dispatch reports that two guns, thirteen wagons and a quantity of ammunition were captured besides 295 prisoners.

CALL FOR MOUNTED INFANTRY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—4.15 a. m.—The government has at last consented to mobilize a force which General Buller is credited with having demanded all along as an essential of success in South Africa, namely, 10,000 mounted infantry.

This morning the war office issued an order to the effect that the government had decided to raise for South Africa a mounted infantry force, to be called "Imperial Yeomanry," and to be recruited from yeomanry, volunteers and civilians possessing the requisite qualifications.

Enlistment will be for one year, or during the continuance of the war. The men must be between 20 and 35 years of age, and of equal physique to the ordinary cavalry soldier. Officers and men are to provide their own horses and are to wear neutral tint cloth shooting jackets, not necessarily uniform, felt hats, breeches and gaiters. All must be good riders and marksmen.

The same order invites every volunteer regiment that is linked with a regular battalion serving at the front to supply a full company, which will take the place of the mounted infantry of the regiment. These arrangements are expected to result in a considerable force. The enrolled strength of the yeomanry forces which originated in the troublous period of the French revolution is now 10,432.

Their services have never before been called for in war.

Colonel Sir Charles Howard, Vincent commandant of the Queen's Westminster Volunteers, has offered to raise a regiment of a thousand picked marksmen.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling addressed a meeting at Rottingdean last evening, called for the purpose of forming a volunteer company.

The Queen has announced her intention of entertaining at Windsor Castle on Dec. 26, the wives and children of soldiers serving in South Africa, who reside in the neighborhood. Tea will be served her majesty probably presiding in person, and there will be a Christmas tree 25 feet high laden with gifts.

The British second-class cruiser Isis will convey General Lord Kitchener from Egypt to the Cape. She has been ordered to steam at 16 knots.

Special reports regarding the fighting at the Tugela river are still filtering through, but all the newspapers complain that these are severely censored, and it is impossible to get an accurate idea of the battle. From the latest accounts, however, it appears that Gen. Buller was in personal command.

Much anxiety is caused by the fact that the war office has not yet received a full list of the casualties at Tugela River.

The Standard thinks editorially this morning that if Portugal continues to allow supplies of war material and foreign volunteers to reach the Transvaal through Delagoa bay, England will have something to say in the matter.

Statements are published from Boer sources in Brussels and Berlin that President Kruger is willing to conclude peace on the basis of status quo, but that otherwise he will call upon the Boers in Cape Colony to join in proclaiming the independence of the Cape territories of Great Britain.

GERMAN DEMANDS

Want Coaling Stations at Many Points

AIMS AT EXTENDING TERRITORY

Negotiations With Other Powers Contemplated

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BERLIN, Dec. 20.—The Reichsanzeiger publishes the following statement:

"At a meeting of the central committee of the bank of Germany today, Herr Koeck, a director, discussing the financial situation and the position of the bank had never been before so strained at the same period of the year and that the stock of bullion had become seriously diminished, being 57,000,000 marks less than in 1898.

In Count von Buelow's budget speech last week occurred a passage indicating Germany's need of a number of "points d'appui" and the coaling stations for the German navy.

The passage was purposely worded cautiously, the meaning being somewhat veiled so as to not attract the suspicions of other nations; but there is the best authority for the statement that Germany's aim during the next few years would be earnestly directed to the acquisition of a number of such points in parts of the world where German war vessels, in a time of actual hostility would need them most, particularly in the far east, the Antilles, Central America, South America and Polynesia.

The correspondent is also assured that the government's dement of the reported German negotiations for the purchase of the Danish West Indies, while literally correct, is in a sense an evasion. Germany really desires St. Thomas, because, with the frequent disturbances in the Central American republics, by which German property always suffers largely and with the Nicaragua canal once completed, a coaling station would become highly necessary.

Germany, however has been restrained from entering into negotiations with Denmark for the purchase of St. Thomas out of consideration for American sentiment, which formerly opposed such German acquisition there. She is now trying to ascertain whether the American objections still continue. If assured they do not, she will begin negotiations.

PENSION CHANGES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The following pension changes, resulting from the issue of Dec. 6th, are announced:

MASSACHUSETTS.

Original—Lucius Cook, East Whitman, $6; Samuel Camp, Great Barrington, $12.

Increase—Joseph Geralle, Bellingham, $17 to $24; Samuel C. Bailey, Lynn, $6 to $8; John Sugrue, Boston, $12 to $14.

Original widows, etc.—Sarah L. Roberts, Lowell, $8.

STRIKERS RETURN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RIVER POINT, R. I., Dec. 20.—The striking employes at the Clyde Print Works returned to their work this morning, having failed to secure the desired advance in wages and the strike is off.

HE ADMITS DEFEAT

Mabini Member of the Filipino Cabinet Talks

Says All Now Depends on Kind of Government the U. S. Establishes—Natives Arrested on Charges of Conspiracy

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—Mabini, formerly a member of the Filipino cabinet, and considered the strongest and brainiest follower of the insurrection, said to a correspondent of the Associated Press at Manila yesterday:

"The future peace of the Philippines depends entirely upon the form of government the Americans establish. We are vanquished because we lacked food and munitions of war and mismanaged our affairs. But the spirit of independence is craving for recognition. The individuality of the Filipino people still lives. If the government eventually established here is liberal, secure and free, the satisfaction and contentment of the people will result and there will be no trouble. If it is otherwise, the people will be dissatisfied and will materially and mentally sympathize and aid in the revolutionary movement which will surely occur sooner or later. Without the people's support, such a movement is impossible. Everything depends on what the Americans do. The guerrilla warfare will be easily terminated if the people do not support it, which they will not do if they are satisfied. If otherwise, it is possible to prolong it indefinitely. I believe the Filipino people should be counselled as to the nature and details of the government to be established. If the war results in the recognition of our desires rights and necessities as a people to be governed, it will not have been in vain.

Mabini spoke unofficially, expressing his own opinions.

The Panay insurgents are being driven out of the islands by General Hughes and are passing to Negros, where they are creating trouble. Two hundred recent arrivals there from Panay ambushed Lieut. A. C. Ledyard, with a party of 15 men of the 6th infantry. It was in this fight that Lieut. Ledyard was killed, falling in the second volley.

Col. Smith, governor of Negros Island has been obliged to arrest several prominent natives on charges of conspiracy. The native municipal constabulary in three towns recently mutinied and went into the mountains, but the native soldiery are reported loyal.

ROMBLON CAPTURED

PLACE TAKEN BY TWO COMPANIES OF INFANTRY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Admiral Watson today cabled the navy department from Manila as follows:

"Concord, Ackley, Pampanga, Ilaon the 18th instant with two companies of infantry, captured Romblon. John James, seaman, wounded in knee the only casualty in the action. Newark's battalion landed from Callao, occupied Camploma, north coast Luzon. Burwell, Wheeling, co-operating with General Young like one service, landing battalion, doing excellent work daily north and west Luzon."

DIED A POOR MAN

Gen. Lawton Left No Legacy to His Family

AN APPEAL MADE FOR AID

His Body Will be Brought Home

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—A general order will be issued from the war department today announcing the death of General Lawton to the army, officially and paying a proper tribute to his worth. It is the intention of the officials to have the remains brought to the United States for final interment.

General Lawton died a poor man, although but few beyond his circle of immediate friends knew of the small pecuniary retention that had come to him for his life work in behalf of his country. Therefore, some of these friends have thought proper now to come to the aid of his family as is shown by the following statement addressed to the American people, issued today:

"WASHINGTON, Dec. 20, 1899.—Major-General Lawton, U. S. V., whose death occurred at San Mateo, Island of Luzon, on December 19, 1899, has left little but his good name as a legacy to his wife and children. A piece of property purchased by him as a home in California has a mortgage of half the purchase price still outstanding and unlightened. The undersigned have voluntarily associated themselves together for the purpose of raising funds to pay off the indebtedness. Contributions will be thankfully received by them, and be devoted to the object herein above set forth.

"The aid of the newspapers of the country is requested.

"Contributions will be received by any one of the following: H. E. Corbin, adjutant-general, Washington, D. C.; John F. Weston, acting commissary-general, Washington, D. C.; William Ludlow, brigadier-general, Havana, Cuba; William R. Shafter, major-general, San Francisco, Cal."

ANOTHER VICTIM.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The death today of Mary Barrett, 9 years old, a victim of yesterday's Harlem fire, completes the extinction of a family, her father, mother and sister having been burned to death during the fire.

The girl only saved herself by rushing across a room filled with flames to a window on the fifth floor of the house. Her parents and sister Julia, six years old, had attempted the same thing and had perished, their bodies being found close to the window where Mary was found hanging to the ledge. The child was terribly burned. Flames had struck her in the face, burning out her eyes and she was burned about the hands, head and body.

Christmas Drafts

Payable in every town in England, Ireland and Scotland, free of discount. Passage tickets at lowest rates.

J. F. O'Donnell's Steamship Agency, 324 Market St., Cor. Worthen.

HE SHOT HIMSELF

Post Office Cashier Committed Suicide

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Captain Louis Shreberger, cashier at the Baltimore post office, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head, at his home on Fremont avenue. An examination of his accounts at the post office has been made under the direction of Postmaster Wirfield and it is said they are perfectly straight. Unfortunate speculations are said to have caused the suicide.

GAS CO. SALE

SYNDICATE WANTS THE TIME EXTENDED.

An extension of time has been asked by the syndicate which contemplates the purchase of the property of the Lowell Gas Light company and negotiations are temporarily suspended.

Recently this request came to the board of directors of the gas company and the financial panic was given as a reason for the failure of the syndicate to raise the money. A meeting of the board of directors was held Monday, at which the matter was considered, and it was decided to grant the syndicate three months' leeway. As a penalty, however, it was voted that the regular semi-annual dividend, which comes in January, be declared forfeited to the stockholders.

The stock which was offered by the syndicate for the purchase of the plant was $400 a share.

Mr. E. P. Telford, who assisted the late Rev. Mr. Montgomery in a series of revival meetings in this city, will return from England on the 29th and will begin a series of twelve meetings at the Central M. E. church on Dec. 31st. Mr. Telford is described as one of the three leading evangelists of England and from Lowell will go to Bromfield church, Boston.

Coal that will burn is the kind sold by W. E. Livingston, 15 Thorndike Street. Promptly and carefully delivered.

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HOAR'S RESOLUTION

The Senator Points Out the Country's Obligations

We Must Not Force Government on an Unwilling People—We Should See That Working People Get Paid for Their Labor

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—At the opening of today's session of the senate, the presiding officer laid before the senate a communication from the regents of the Smithsonian institute suggesting in the form of a joint resolution, the appointment of a former secretary of state, Richard Olney of Massachusetts, to fill the vacancy on the board of regents caused by the death of Dr. William Preston of Louisiana.

Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts thought this a most unusual proceeding. It was, he thought, the first time in the history of the senate or of the institute that the regents had been prompted to suggest the name of a new member. He thought it would be as proper for justices of the supreme court to suggest to the president who should fill a vacancy on the bench. The resolution was left on the table.

Mr. Hale (Me.) had read from the clerk's desk the proclamation issued by General Brooke in Havana on turning over the civil government of Cuba to his successor, Gen. Leonard Wood.

"This proclamation," said he, "must arrest the attention of the senate committee on Cuban affairs and of the country. It is a most remarkable statement of the progress that has been made in Cuba. If General Brooke be right, peace and order practically have been restored on the island, and the people will be ready at an early date to enter on a government of their own. General Brooke is to be congratulated upon having accomplished a vast work. I see the dawn of the time when the Cuban people will be able to set up a government of their own. General Brooke having been displaced will soon come north and when he arrives will receive our congratulations upon his great work."

The matter was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba.

Senator Hoar introduced the following resolution in the senate:

"Whereas, the American people and the several states in the union have in times past, at important periods in their history, especially when declaring their independence, establishing the constitution, or undertaking new and great responsibilities, seen fit to declare the purposes for which the nation or state was founded, and the important objects the people intend to pursue in their political action; and

"Whereas, the close of a great war, the liberation by the United States of the people of Cuba and Porto Rico in the western hemisphere and the Philippine islands in the far east, and the reduction of those peoples to a condition of practical dependence on the United States constitute an occasion which makes such a declaration proper; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That this republic adheres to the doctrines which were in the past set forth in the declaration of independence, and in its national and state constitutions.

"That the purpose of its existence and the objects to which its political action ought to be directed are the ennobling of humanity, the raising from the dust its humblest and coarsest members; and the enabling of persons coming lawfully under its power or influence to live in freedom and in honor, under governments whose forms they are to have a share in determining, and in whose administration they have an equal voice. Its most important and pressing obligations are:

"(1)—To solve the difficult problem presented by the presence of different races on our own soil with equal constitutional rights; to make the negro safe in his home, secure in his vote, equal in his opportunity for education and employment; and to bring the Indian to a civilization and culture in accordance with his need and capacity;

"(2)—To enable great cities to govern themselves in freedom, in honor, and in purity;

"(3)—To make the ballot box as pure as a sacramental vessel, and the election return as perfectly in accord with the law and the truth as the judgment of the supreme court;

"(4)—To banish illiteracy and ignorance from the land;

"(5)—To secure for every workman and for every working woman, wages enough to support a life of comfort, and an old age of leisure and of quiet as befits those who have an equal share in a self-governing state.

"(6)—To grow and expand over the continent, and over the islands of the sea, just as fast, and no faster, as we can bring into equality and self-government, under our constitution, peoples and races who will share these ideals and help to make them realities;

"(7)—To set a peaceful example of freedom which mankind will be glad to follow, but never to force even freedom upon unwilling nations at the point of the bayonet or at the cannon's mouth;

"(8)—To abstain from interfering with the freedom and just rights of other nations or peoples and to remember that the liberty to do right necessarily involves the liberty to do wrong; and that the American people have no right to take from any other the birthright of freedom because of a fear that they will do wrong with it."

SMALL ATTENDANCE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Three-fourths of the seats in the house were empty today, a majority of the members having already left for their homes to spend the holidays.

Mr. Grow (Penn.) and Mr. Brown, (Ohio) attempted to obtain recognition after the reading of the journal, but Mr. Payne, the floor leader of the majority, moved an adjournment.

The democrats, in a spirit of good nature, voted against the measure and with the dissenting republicans defeated the motion on a rising vote, 54 to 79.

Thereupon, Mr. Payne demanded the yeas and nays.

FAVORABLE REPORT

ON TREATIES BETWEEN GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The senate committee on foreign relations today authorized a favorable report upon the two treaties negotiated between Great Britain and Germany for the dissolution of the tri-partite agreement for the control of the Samoan islands. Senator Bacon, one of the new democratic members of the committee, was the only opponent of the treaty and he did not seek to delay the reporting of it to the senate. His opposition was directed towards the acquisition by this country of the island of Tutuila and his opposition to that was based upon the contention that the consent of the islanders should be first secured. He was met on this proposition by the statement that the natives were nothing more than wandering tribes and with the argument that the United States could not afford to forego the opportunity to secure complete control of Pago Pago harbor which this treaty furnishes.

CONTESTED ELECTION CASES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Elections committee No. 1 of the House, held its first meeting today and arranged to begin the consideration of contested election cases soon after the holidays.

The case of William F. Aldrich, contestant vs Gaston A. Robbins, fourth Alabama district, was set for hearing January 8; the case of Walter Evans, contestant, against Oscar Turner, fifth Kentucky district, was set for January 11. Later the committee will fix times for hearing the Davidson-Gilbert, 5th Kentucky and the Walker-Rhea, ninth Virginia, contests. There are six other contests before the other two election committees not yet assigned.

PENSION FOR LAWTON'S WIDOW.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Senator Fairbanks introduced a bill granting a pension of $2,000 a year to the widow of General Lawton. Representative Landis of Indiana introduced a similar bill in the house. Mr. Landis represents the district from which Lawton's first regiment was recruited.

OFFICERS CHOSEN

By the American Federation of Labor

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—The American Federation of Labor today unanimously re-elected all its old officers. The only contests occurred in selections of fraternal delegates to the foreign trade congresses. The elections resulted as follows:

President, Samuel Gompers, Washington.

Vice presidents, P. J. Maguire, Philadelphia; James Duncan, Boston, Jas. O'Connell, Washington; John Mitchell, Indianapolis; Max Morris, Denver; and Thomas I. Kidd, Chicago.

Secretary, Frank Morrison, Washington.

Treasurer, John H. Lennon, Bloomington, Ill.

Fraternal delegates to British congress—John H. Lennon, Lexington, secretary of the Journeymen Tailors' Union; and W. V. Pierce of Indianapolis, secretary of the United Mine Workers.

Fraternal delegate to Canadian Trades Congress—W. D. Mahon, of Detroit, president of the Amalgamated Association of Steel Railway Employes.

Louisville, Ky., was selected as the place of the next convention.

HON. LEONARD REYNOLDS DEAD

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 20.—One of Manchester's best known and most worthy citizens died today in the person of Hon. Leonard P. Reynolds. He had served in the city government as councilman, alderman and member of the street, sewer and park commission, and as representative to the state legislature and as state senator. He was a native of New Boston and 47 years of age. He was engaged in the wholesale and retail sale of tobacco and at the time of his death, he was prominent in the Hibernians, had been president of the Democratic Granite State club, and was a member of St. Ann's parish.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for Boston and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; westerly winds.

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HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU

that men today wear more colored Shirts than white ones?

We know the popularity of the colored Shirt, for we've sold out our entire fall purchase and have called for and received our Spring goods.

WE OPEN TODAY our entire spring line of all over fancy Dress Shirts, stiff bosoms, detached cuffs or cuffs on. Here at your service are the new ideas for spring, 1900, and you can select now what others will offer in April. The styles are elegant and show a radical departure from those to which you're accustomed. We suggest these new Shirts as acceptable gifts to men. If size isn't right or style doesn't please, have him return them after Christmas.

SOME OTHER LITTLE THINGS men must have, but don't always remember to get them in season, and then frantically telephone us to "Send up quickly"—FULL DRESS THINGS. What we have are of the best, and only those that are correct find a place here.

Fine Dress Shirts, white, with cuffs attached.

Fine white dimity and black peau de soie Batwing Cravats.

Perrin Freres and Fowne's white and pearl Dress Gloves, silvered and pearl fasteners.

Satin Dress Shields. E. & W. latest Cuffs and Collars. Everything men wear, even to Evening Suits, Tail Coats or Dinner Jackets.

Change anything he doesn't like.

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166 Central Street.

THE SUN LATEST!

5 O'CLOCK

FOUND NOT GUILTY

Maguire Stabbing Case Settled In Court Today

THE DEFENDANT DID NOT STAB BROTHER

Latter Said He Fell on Tobacco Knife

The case of George F. Maguire charged with stabbing his brother, John Maguire, was tried in the police court before Judge Hadley this morning. The case had been continued many times, the alleged victim having been confined to St. John's hospital since the day the assault is alleged to have been committed, Sunday, November 12th. The defendant had previously pleaded not guilty to a charge of assault and battery and was defended by D. J. Donahue, Esq.

The first and principal witness heard for the government was John Maguire, the alleged victim. He said that on the day he was stabbed he was in his house in a court off Church street. Three children of the witness and his brother, the defendant, were also tore. Witness was under the influence of liquor, he said, and remembers that he was very angry and said many unpleasant things to his brother. Witness had a knife in his hand and was cutting some tobacco. He was sitting on the bed and remembered getting up and starting to go to another room where his brother was. In some way, he did not know just how, he got tripped and fell forward. He held the knife in the right hand and when he struck the floor the knife was under him and the blade of the same stuck into his body in the left side. When the wound was inflicted, witness screamed for help and said his brother and others in the house at the time rushed to his assistance. His father thought he had been stabbed and ran out of the house in search of an officer. He found Officer Holland and brought him to the house. He told the officer his son had been stabbed. Witness denied that anybody stabbed him. He said the wound was inflicted by his falling on the knife as he already told.

There was no cross-examination.

Dr. George L. Black, house physician at St. John's hospital, testified as to the nature of Maguire's wound. He said it might have been caused by a tobacco knife. The doctor said that Mr. Maguire is now out of danger.

Inspector Laflamme was the last witness heard. He was present with Inspector Allen when the latter arrested the defendant. The latter said that the defendant claimed that he and his brother had a little quarrel at the dinner table and John chased him with a fork. He tripped and fell on the fork and in this way the wound was inflicted.

There were two other witnesses yet to be heard for the government but at this point, Deputy Moffatt stated that as their evidence would throw no light on the case, he asked that the case be closed, saying that he did not think there was evidence enough to find probable cause.

Lawyer Donahue, counsel for the defence, had nothing to say.

The court ordered the defendant found not guilty and discharged. He has been committed to jail since November 12th, the day of the alleged stabbing.

The case of Frank Riley, charged with larceny from Abraham Stein, a second hand clothing dealer on Middlesex street, was continued till Friday next for trial. The defendant was held in $200. He secured bail.

John J. Moriarty had a high old time for himself yesterday but the ending was most disastrous to him. He came up from Lawrence armed with a 32-calibre revolver in search of a man named Peter Bowles, who boarded at 86 Suffolk street, and who, Moriarty claimed owed him a small amount of money. Bowles and Moriarty had lived together in Lawrence for some time, but Monday they had a quarrel and separated. Moriarty heard that Bowles came to Lowell and was stopping at 86 Suffolk street and he was determined to follow him.

The house referred to on Suffolk street is occupied by one Mrs. Fleming. She was there with her little daughter when Moriarty called early last night. He asked if Bowles was there. When told he wasn't, he called Mrs. Fleming a liar and then drew a revolver from his hip pocket and said he would shoot Bowles if he found him. He went through every room in the house, flashing the revolver in all directions. The woman and her young daughter were greatly frightened especially after they had been told by Moriarty that the pistol was loaded and they were afraid he might shoot one of them. Moriarty at length left the house, but said he would return and added that if he found Bowles he would surely kill him. When he went out, the little girl notified Officer Redmond Welch who located Moriarty and finding him under the influence of liquor and the revolver on his person, placed him under arrest.

The court imposed a fine of $5 for drunkenness and ordered Moriarty in $100 to keep the peace for six months.

The continued case of Bridget McGovern, charged with illegal keeping of liquor was put over once more, this time for another week.

The old cases of Celia E. Conners and Jeremiah Frazier, charged with illegal keeping of liquor, were placed on file.

The case of Constable Lawrence E. Lynch of Tewksbury, charged with assault and battery, on a small boy, was continued another week for trial.

The case of James E. Adams, Robert Leatham and William McBride, composing the Berwick club of Chelmsford, who are charged with illegal keeping of liquor, was also continued. This case was put over till Friday on agreement of counsel for both parties.

Napoleon Coutu, charged with illegal keeping of liquor, was found guilty and ordered to pay a fine of $50. An appeal was taken and Coutu was held in $300 for the superior court.

A cow case came next. In this case Samuel Cohen was charged with the larceny of a cow from Cyrus E. Allen of Dunstable. Cohen pleaded not guilty and was represented by John J. Harvey, Esq., while D. J. Donahue, Esq., appeared for the government.

Mr. Allen, the complainant, testified that last January he and Mr. Cohen swapped cows. About three months after the trade was made, Mr. Cohen wanted to swap cows again, which witness refused to do. Besides his cow, the defendant was to give witness $30 for the latter's cow. He paid him $15, and was to pay the remainder later. He refused to pay the remainder, because he said, the cow was not giving as much milk as when he first took the cow. Mr. Allen waited for the money due him until last October when he became convinced that Cohen did not intend to pay him. He then went to Cohen's pasture and took the cow to his own pasture. Cohen had witness subsequently brought into court at Ayer Junction for alleged larceny, but Allen was found not guilty and discharged. On December 2, witness claimed, Cohen went to his pasture and removed the cow. Witness says he has never received the $15 due him. That amount was to be paid in ten days when the trade was made.

The cow case was rested for a few minutes while "Kitty" Mayo was arraigned for alleged larceny from Mr. Thomas Davis of Bridge street. She was held in $200 till tomorrow for trial.

The cow case was then resumed.

The court found Cohen guilty and fined him $10.

Y. M. C. I. BOWLING.

In the Y. M. C. I. tournament last evening, Team Two defeated Team Eight by 172 pins, the third string being the only one which was anyway close. The score:

TEAM TWO.

Sheehy	140	148	168—456
Clark	117	121	150—423
Kerwin	115	174	[illegible]
Long	175	117	[illegible]
McQuade	142	130	143—[illegible]
Totals	709	[illegible]	660—2025

TEAM EIGHT.

Burns	157	172	[illegible]
Duggan	121	[illegible]	135—[illegible]
Sullivan	[illegible]	[illegible]	96—[illegible]
*Sweeney	100	100	150—[illegible]
O'Brien	100	100	154—351
Totals	675	612	662—1852

*Absent.

GUS RUHLIN

DEFEATED "STOCINKOS" CONROY LAST NIGHT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Gus Ruhlin, the Akron, O., "Giant" who has aspirations for heavyweight champion honors, defeated "Stockings" Conroy of Troy, N. Y., in seven rounds before the Broadway A. C. last night. Conroy put up a game battle and sent in some fearful rights on Ruhlin's ribs and over the kidneys but he was unable to withstand the big Ohians bruising swings and jabs and was almost out when Referee Charley White stopped the bout when the seventh round had almost been completed. There was a large delegation of Trojan sporting men around the ringside and they placed some fair-sized amounts on their townsman taking odd of 100 to 40. They also bet even money that Conroy would last ten rounds or more and lost a tidy sum on this score also.

ALTAR BOYS' BANQUET.

Rev. Michael Ronan, pastor of St. Peter's church, will give a banquet to the altar boys of that church Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th in the fair hall on Gorham street. A vocal and musical program is now being arranged by the altar boys.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

MAJOR TAYLOR

HAS FINALLY DECIDED TO RIDE IN FRANCE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Love of fame and a thirst for coin have conquered the religious scruples of Major Taylor, the colored cycling wonder, who in the past has declined many tempting offers to race in France because Sunday is the great race day there.

But the Major did not permit his Puritanical ideas to succumb without a struggle. He was confronted with stern hard facts, chief among them the knowledge that the American field was practically closed to him and that he must either race in France on Sundays or not race at all.

Not even a spurious promise of immense financial gains was needed to induce the major to go to France and ride next season. The report that he was offered $26,000 is a fable. The sum the major is to get is really comparatively small.

Victor Breyer, of Paris, editor of Le Velo, the French daily devoted to cycling, is the immediate cause of the collapse of the major's religious scruples. He and the colored boy had a long talk in Boston last week, and before he sails for home the Frenchman expects to have bound the major hand and foot by an iron-clad contract.

"Taylor," said Mr. Breyer yesterday, "must agree to come and come at once, or by compact with the National Cycling Association, which we shall soon make, he will be barred from riding in France altogether. We will then receive only such riders as are in good standing with the National Cycling association.

"In France, I am convinced, Taylor would be a tremendous success. He is the best advertised rider now on the American tracks. The papers of our country have all been speculating for months on his probable appearance in France.

"To tell you the truth, we would not give one penny for the appearance of Cooper, Kiser or Gardiner at a French meet, but with Taylor it is an altogether different subject. He would be a real attraction. His first race meet would be one of the best ever seen in France. Should he be beaten his star would, of course, set, but should he win, his drawing power would be unlimited.

"The other American riders will have to earn their way to France, but Taylor is already an assured success."

THE HORSFORD'S PARTY.

When you hear the famous Contossel band, you may bet they are out for something grand, and when The Horsford's hold their first big poverty dance, there'll be a hot time in Associate hall that night. On Thursday evening the Horsfords will hold forth with a grand street parade early in the evening led by the famous Contossel band, the party will be a poverty and character affair, and will include a cake walk led by Johnnie Curry, the midget, and a prize walk between John Sligo and Mike Finucan.

IRON WORKS

WITH GOVERNMENT CONTRACT GOES UNDER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 20.—Harry A. Parr was appointed receiver for the Columbian Iron works and dry dock company late yesterday afternoon.

The receiver was appointed by consent. In the petition it is alleged that the company's obligations aggregate between $225,000 and $250,000, including about $175,000 in notes held by banks and indorsed by former Mayor William T. Malster, the president of the company; Mr. Christian Devries, the president of the Chas. A. Vogeler company, which assigned today, and by Mr. Parr. The company is insolvent, it is stated, and has no available cash.

In the answer of the company it is stated that it has a large claim against the federal government for work done by it in constructing vessels and that if sufficient time is allowed to finish its work under existing contracts, it will be able to pay all its obligations.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

LAWRENCE MEN

Organize to Help the Boers to Victory

WITH MEN, MONEY AND ARMS

Other Meetings to be Held Later on

TWO ORGANIZATIONS OFFER MEN

To Volunteer for Service With the Boers

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 20.—Representatives of the leading Irish societies met last night to take steps toward assisting the Boers in their war with England.

Ex-Mayor John Breen presided, and a dozen societies were represented, including three divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. Councilman Edward C. Callahan was elected secretary, and C. J. Casey, president.

The meeting was a secret one, but the presiding officer said afterwards that the societies represented would do everything in their power to help the Boers, not alone financially, but with arms and men if necessary.

He said the movement was in sympathy with one which extends over the entire country. Another meeting will be held Friday evening, at which leaders in the movement from western cities will be present.

The presiding officer further said that a military company will be formed from the present Grattan Guards and Hibernian Rifles, to be used for such purposes as the organization may direct.

MAN KILLED

STRUCK BY A TIMBER AT NORTH CAMBRIDGE.

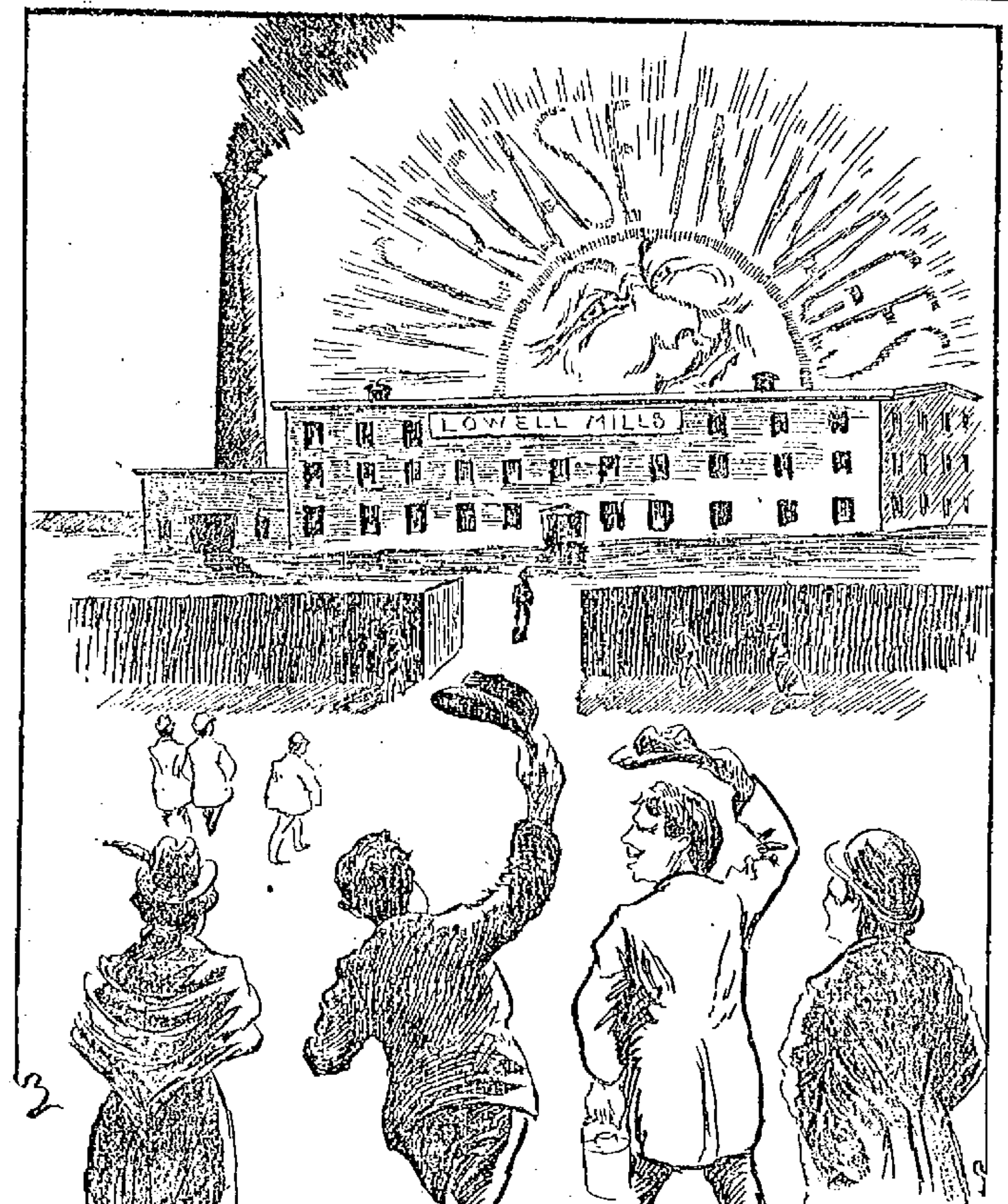
By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Nazro Pelequin, 41, of Saville street, North Cambridge, who has been employed as a foreman by L. P. Soule & Son, Dorchester for 10 years while at work on a new building on Pemberton square, yesterday was struck by a piece of timber, badly fracturing his skull. He was removed to the Emergency hospital, where his skull was trepanned. Late yesterday afternoon he died at the hospital as a result of his injuries, never having regained consciousness.

At the same time, Wilbur McRae, 41, of 30 Chelsea street, East Boston, a carpenter, employed at the same place, was struck by the end of the same plank, sustaining a lacerated wound of the scalp, necessitating ten stitches. Both men were brought to the hospital in the same ambulance.

ARM REBROKEN.

Jack Moffatt, the Chicago man who broke his arm while boxing George Chrisner of Lowell last week, had to have the arm rebroken and reset at Chicago Monday, as it was imperfectly set at New York.



A WELCOME SIGHT FOR THE MILL OPERATIVES OF LOWELL.

LABOR RALLY HELD

In the Interest of Textile Organization

IN LOOMFIXERS' HALL LAST NIGHT

Addresses Made by Well Known Labor Men

Loomfixers' hall was well filled last night, when the first of a series of rallies in the interests of textile organization was held under the auspices of the Lowell Textile Council. D. J. Morrow, president of the council, presided and in opening he spoke of the purposes of the meeting. He said that, while Lowell had been active in the work of organizing in the past two years there still remained unimproved opportunities. He then introduced James Whitehead of Fall River, secretary of the Textile Federation, as the first speaker. Mr. Whitehead said substantially:

"The treasurer's statement shows a surplus in our organization of $44,000 and this can be used at any time the occasion demands. I believe in the idea of having a surplus account in case of a strike. What could be done without it? That should be the one aim of any organization of this kind, as organization is practically powerless without it.

"In Fall River we are well supplied with labor organizations and that is one reason that we are called the battling ground of the New England states. We acted in this matter largely as the result of the movement made by the mill agents. We wanted to organize in a way so as to meet the work that was intended to be accomplished by their organization.

"We all know that at the present time the cotton market is in excellent shape. As a result, the mills are running on night time and we find that it has been to a certain extent compulsory to work at night. We intend to put a stop to this night work in Fall River even if it is necessary to strike. We have stopped three mills in this way and we intend to stop them all. This schedule which makes it necessary for an operative to work until 10 o'clock and in some cases all night is not in the interests of the operatives, but rather of the mill officials."

James Tansey, president of the Textile council of Fall River, said in the course of an interesting address: "I am surprised that the Lowell operatives have taken so little interest in the movement for their rights. I maintain that it should not be necessary for any labor leader to have to take the public platform and speak on what is to be done in the interests of operatives.

"The textile organizations stand better today in every way than they ever have and it is due perhaps to the demand made by them recently that the advance in wages became general. You all know the struggle that we had and you are familiar with the story of how one large employer came to our assistance. But had there been no textile council you would not have found any improvement in our financial condition. Is there any place in thee country where there has been an advance of 22½ per cent. within a few months? I do not think so. Organization is alone responsible for it. You should get together in your city as we have done. I know that you have made rapid strides in the past two years, but there is still room for improvement.

"Every member should take an active interest in his organization. He should do mission work during the day time when he comes into contact with his fellow workers. Do not depend on one man to do all the work. If you do not advocate organizations you are to be held responsible for any imposition on the part of the mill agents.

"In justice to the fair employer the operatives ought to organize. They should organize to strike a blow at those who are not fair and thus advance the generous employer's interests.

Oliver Christian of the Weavers' Union of Fall River spoke in the French tongue and from the applause made an interesting address.

CARPENTERS ELECT OFFICERS

At a meeting of the Carpenters' union held last night, the following officers were chosen: President, Joseph Convery; vice-president, Alexander Craig; recording secretary, John N. Emerson; financial secretary, Frank A. Kapler; treasurer, Donald McFagden; warden, William Bouchard; trustees, David Decelle and Joseph McDonald; auditing committee, Charles Coram.

STEAM AND GAS FITTERS.

A regular meeting of the Steam and Gas Fitters' union was held last night and was largely attended. Fifteen candidates were admitted to membership. It is requested that all members be present at the next regular meeting of the union, which will be held Tuesday evening next, in the quarters of the Journeymen Plumbers' union, Barrister's hall at 8 o'clock.

S. P. PIKE'S MARKET.

What would Christmas be without Pike's Public Market? They have always made great preparations for this greatest of all holidays, the Christmas time, and this year by far surpasses all previous efforts in point of decorating. The mammoth market is beautifully decorated with variegated colored streamers and the effect is grand. The work shows the skill of the clerks in the market and with the glare of the electric lights and grand display of poultry and meats and game of all kinds, it is one of bewildering beauty. And the thing that brings joy to the heart is the low prices. It surely indicates that the poorest in the land as well as the richest can enjoy a good Christmas dinner if they only trade with the Public Market, Prescott St.

GOMPERS AGAIN

RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT FEDERATION OF LABOR.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—Samuel Gompers has been unanimously re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

BIG DIAMOND LOST.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Not since a man stuck a sheet of paper coated with molasses on the window of a Maiden lane diamond store and then hit the paper with a brick has there been so much excitement in that gem-lined thoroughfare as there was last evening.

It was not because of thieves, for the "dead line" keeps them out, but because of two messenger boys who lost a package containing a diamond ring worth $134.5[illegible].

News of the loss s[illegible] idity of lightning, and everybody turned out to hunt for the package. They failed to find it.

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A SHREWD WOMAN

Mrs. James R. Keen Gets $2,500,000

HUSBAND MADE $5,000,000

Operators Not Likely to See Money Again

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—While Wall street speculators bewailed the losses yesterday by the shrinkage of the value of the stocks they held, every one of them agreed that the biggest winners were: James R. Keene, $2,500,000; Mrs. James R. Keene, $2,500,000.

Mr. Keene won the whole $5,000,000. Wall street may get one-half of it back if the wise operators catch him "napping" some day. But Wall street will never get the other half, because Mrs. Keene doesn't play stocks except in a manner unknown to Wall street.

She is a sort of partner of Mr. Keene in all his ventures. She is not a full partner, because she never shares the losses of the firm. But one-half of Mr. Keene's winnings is hers to keep forever, by virtue of an agreement made between them years ago. It has been faithfully kept and Mrs. Keene, by reason of the shrewdness of her husband is $2,500,000 richer than she was a few months ago.

BOTH CLAIM HER

Lowell Man Married to a Supposed Widow

BUT HER FIRST HUSBAND TURNED UP

And the Lowell Man "Loses"

Louis Gosslin of 7 Rankin court and Arthur Lamontagne both claim one woman as their wife, says the Lawrence Sun.

The woman is question is residing with Gosslin at present and has been since was Alma Ouillette and she was married to Gosslin at Nashua, N. H., ten years ago and soon afterwards they moved to this city.

Sometime afterwards they separated, Gosslin going to Canada, and his wife back to Nashua. She later heard that her husband was very sick in Canada and this report was followed by a story to the effect that he had died. She became convinced that he was dead and then married Lamontagne. Gosslin was not dead, however, and returned to this city, only to find his wife living with another man. Lamontagne removed to Lowell with the woman and last June they were located there by Gosslin and he had them arrested. They were placed on probation in the superior court and then the woman came here to live with Gosslin. They have lived happily together since.

Monday, however, Lamontagne came down from Lowell and made things unpleasant. He wanted the woman to leave Gosslin and accompany him to Lowell. He threatened her with arrest if she didn't. She became frightened and sent for her husband who was at work. When he arrived, he ordered Lamontagne out, and threatened to have him arrested if he put in his appearance again. Gosslin has reported the case to the police who will show Lamontagne what is what if he causes any further trouble.

The woman says she wants to live with Gosslin and cares nothing for Lamontagne.

ALHAMBRA BURNED

FAMOUS CONVENTION HALL DESTROYED BY FIRE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 20—The Alhambra, the famous convention hall of Syracuse, where the democrats of the state have met in state convention during recent years, was destroyed by fire at 3.30 o'clock this morning. The flames threatened also to destroy St. John's Roman Catholic Cathedral which was saved only after heroic efforts by the firemen. The loss amounts to $50,000.

WILL ADVANCE WAGES.

The Faulkner Manufacturing company of North Billerica will also advance the wages of their employes, like the Talbot mills, and the employes are pleased with the arrangements. The increase will take effect January 1st.

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THE CAR SERVICE

Extended at Last to Centralville Hill

Much Discussion as to the Location of Its Track—Veteran Policemen to be Pensioned Off on Half Pay—Salary Committee Appointed—Telephone Hearing

The board of aldermen held a busy session at city hall last evening at which several interesting hearings took place.

The session opened with the petition of the Lowell and Suburban street railroad company for an extension of its tracks from Bridge street through Third, Beech and Beacon to Methuen streets.

Daniel M. Richardson appeared for the company in asking that the petition be granted. There was a general desire, he said, for car accommodations on Centralville Heights. The route selected was the one deemed most advisable. It was expected that any route would meet with some remonstrance.

Mayor Crowley read a remonstrance to the location of tracks through Third street, signed by residents of that street.

John J. Harvey appeared in behalf of the remonstrants who had signed the paper. Third street, he said was the main thoroughfare to Centralville heights. It was thickly populated, and the plowing of the snow in the winter would make it very inconvenient. The Centralville people had understood that First street would be the route selected, and residents of the hill had raised a large sum of money, by agreement with the railroad to have the tracks extended from First street, through a strip of land owned by L. A. Derby, 8 Beech street. He believed that the road should be held to its promise originally made. There were no remonstrants to the petition for a line of cars to Centralville heights. The only question was as to the route. If that by way of First street should be selected, he had been informed that it would cost $600 less than by Third street. It had been intimated to him that the Third street route had been selected because of opposition that it was known existed, and because the company did not care to really furnish car service to the hill.

Mr. Richardson asked whether Mr. Harvey's clients would rather have no tracks than have them in Third street.

Mr. Harvey replied that they proposed to hold the railroad to its agreement.

"Do you know for a fact that there was such an agreement?"

"I am informed by competent parties that there was such an agreement."

"I am authorized by Mr. Sullivan to say that there was no agreement," said Mr. Richardson. "If money was raised by Centralville people, it was done without the connivance of the railroad."

Mr. Harvey asked Alderman Derby whether the company had not made some agreement as to his land.

Alderman Derby said that he was in a rather peculiar position. Two years before he had decided to sell his house and land in First street. Two parties had looked at the property and he had given a written agreement to Harry E. Shaw, at his request, to sell his property at the same price, within a certain term to Mr. Shaw if the railroad wished to extend its line through it. "I do not know on what authority he asked me to sign the agreement," he continued. "It prevented me from selling my property, but I kept my agreement. I do not know how much money was subscribed. It was stated at the time that it was proposed to run through my land, since the Simpson street grade was too steep. I did not get this from the company."

Mr. Richardson referring to the previous railway hearing, asked whether the complaints made by the petitioners at that time had not been remedied.

Mayor Crowley replied by reading the following report of the special committee of the aldermen:

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 19, '99.

To the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lowell:

The special committee from this board appointed November 5, 1899 to confer with the management of the Lowell & Suburban street railway company, have attended to the duty assigned to them and beg leave to submit the following report:

Your committee has, naturally, given most particular attention to those matters complained of by the petitioners at the hearing given them by the board on November 5th, but all other complaints to which its attention was called at that time, and since, by different citizens, have also been given attention.

We called upon the management of the street railway immediately after our appointment and were assured by Manager Woodman and the former general manager, Mr. Sullivan, that it was the intention of the company to give the people of Lowell satisfactory services in every way possible, and they indicated a desire to ascertain the facts regarding all of the complaints and assured us that no effort would be spared to accommodate the people.

We have waited a considerable time before presenting our report, in order that ample opportunity might be given for carrying into effect the changes promised and, as far as your committee can discern, everything promised by the railway management has been done.

The service on the Bridge street line has been improved, so that now there is a 15-minute car schedule from the square all day and from noon until 9 p. m. an additional car from the square to 13th street every 15 minutes, thus giving the people of Centralville practically seven and one-half minute service the busier hours of the day. The first street line, which had been entirely suspended has been restored. The route of the proposed line over the hill and through Beech street in Centralville, has been decided upon as far as the company is concerned, and a hearing upon petition for location is to be given by this board. A few other changes,—on the North Chelmsford, Lawrence street, and some other lines,—have also been made, all of which, we think, work to the better accommodation of the people.

Your committee is much gratified with the cheerfulness with which the railway company has made these improvements, and believes that in the future it will only be necessary to call the attention of the street railway management to any defects in order to have them promptly remedied wherever possible.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed)

JAMES F. MISKELLA,
GEORGE H. TAYLOR,
LUCIUS A. DERBY.

Manager Woodman produced plans to illustrate his contention that the First street route was impracticable. This was true of Simpson street or private land. The grade of the curves made the extension impracticable.

Charles H. Burtt said that the only and proper route was up Third street to Fremont and then across Beacon street. That would accommodate the people on the hill in the best manner. Any remonstrance to Third street was against the city's best interests. Mr. Woodman replied that the grade between Beach and Fremont streets is not a safe one.

Edward D. McVey talked at length in criticism of the company's methods. He said he didn't get a nickel's worth of ride when there were 67 persons on a street car. He objected to the Centralville extension on the ground that the company might want to increase its capital stock.

William D. Brown spoke briefly, after which the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion of Alderman Taylor the resolution granting the petition was referred to the city solicitor for an amendment providing that the rails that are to be laid shall be groove rails.

An order was adopted for the appointment of a committee on salaries. Aldermen Dimon and Derby were named as members of the committee.

Alderman Dimon brought up the matter of the report of the committee on fire department made earlier in the year recommending the purchase of property in Middle street adjoining the Central fire station for the housing of the water tower, and he introduced a joint order borrowing $14,000 for the purpose. It was passed, 7 to 1. Mr. Chaplin voted in the negative.

"If it wasn't after election," said the mayor, "I would be charged with calling a high tax rate.

Upon motion of Alderman Libby, the resolution for the paving of Westford street from Loring to Stevens street was taken from the table and referred to the committee on streets.

PENSION POLICE OFFICERS.

Alderman Derby introduced a petition with many signers asking for the retirement of veteran policemen on part pay, accompanied by an order for the adoption of Chapter 378 of the Acts of 1893.

Alderman Derby spoke in favor of the order which bore his name. The city cared for its sick firemen, he said, and the act referred to would pension firemen 65 years old, who had been in the service at least 15 years and firemen injured permanently in the discharge of their duty. They were upon half pay. There was one man living in Lowell today he said who had been retired from the force because of old age and left poor. There were one or two men now on the force too old to perform their duty and if they could be retired on half pay, one man could do their work. Police officers were deprived of many of the rights of business men. They could not take life insurance except by the payment of heavy rates.

Alderman Dimon spoke in favor of the order and said that he supposed that the money would come from the department appropriation.

Mayor Crowley said that he knew the veteran police officer referred to. He had been a faithful servant, but there was another side to the question of pensions. "An employe of the city," he said, "was two years ago ordered, while at work on a sewer to see why a blast had not exploded. As he approached the spot, the dynamite exploded and a crowbar was hurled against him, tearing his face, from his mouth up, horribly. He lay in the hospital for months, after hovering between life and death, and then when he applied for work he was refused by the superintendent of streets because he was so disfigured that he scared the horses. Finally the present superintendent of streets gave him a few days' work at painting derricks, and I do not know whether he is now at work. Humanity commences with justice done to sewer men as well as to policemen. The poor man is entitled to the same consideration in the sewer as in the blue uniform. The man of whom I speak was a servant of the city, maimed and injured for life. Within twelve months, a man injured in a sewer went to the committee on claims and he was informed that he would be discharged if he pressed his claims.

"The petition tonight has been signed by prominent men. Some of them will talk of high taxes when election time comes near. They will listen to Billingsgate orators abuse the mayor for matters about which, you gentlemen of the board, know he has nothing more to do than the man in the moon."

The order was adopted.

TELEPHONE HEARING.

When the go-as-you-please telephone hearing was declared open and Charles E. Adams boomed his Massachusetts company and Alderman Derby informed him that there was a remonstrance of 4 to 1 against it.

A general discussion followed, in which Mr. McVey, Lawrence Cummings and Alderman Dimon questioned Mr. Adams.

The hearing was then declared closed.

An order was adopted declaring the result of the recent election.

A. W. Burnham asked for a hearing on his petition for improvements in Colonial avenue. Referred to the committee on streets.

A resolution to borrow $10,000 to complete the sewers in Willard and Humphrey streets was introduced. Alderman Dimon said that a ledge had made the extra expense and that every sewer undertaken during the year had been built, excepting the extension of the sewer at Central bridge, which would require heavy expense because of the construction of a coffer dam.

Alderman Taylor said, in reply to an inquiry, that the city's borrowing capacity was nearly $160,000.

The resolution was passed without opposition.

Minor petitions were referred, and monthly reports were placed on file.

The committee on electric wires reported an order instructing the telephone and electric light companies to remove their poles from Andover street, and place their wires underground.

The pole locations asked by the New England company were granted, with certain conditions. There was some little debate on the amendments, which were introduced by Alderman Dimon. The more important one provided that poles should not extend beyond the outer line of the curbstone.

Adjourned at 11.20 o'clock.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.

At the regular meeting of the common council last night a number of routine matters were attended to.

The order for the acceptance of the legislative act relating to the pensioning of policemen was unanimously adopted in concurrence.

The joint order for a loan of $14,000, for a down-town location of the water tower was lost, 17 to 7 which was less than a two-thirds vote. Councilmen Walker, Flanders and Markham were appointed on the salary committee.

Fred A. Buttrick was elected commissioner of sinking funds for a term of three years.

Many of the new councilmen were present and were introduced to the members who will be their associates next year. Many of the candidates for various officers were also present and the result was that the meeting did not open until after 8.30.

Joint orders appropriating $500 for the soldiers' relief department, $400,000 to pay temporary loans and providing for deficiencies in appropriations were adopted in concurrence.

Claims for damages on account of property damage were read from Edward Mooney and Thomas McKay.

A number of monthly reports were ordered on file.

A recess was taken from 8.55 until 10.15 during which there was a wait for business from the board of aldermen.

Then the order accepting chapter 378 of the acts of 1892 relating to the pensioning of policemen was adopted in concurrence. The petition that accompanied it was ordered on file.

The $11,000 loan for the housing of the water tower down town was then defeated, 17 to 7. Councilman Mullaney moved a reconsideration of the vote to be acted upon at the next meeting.

Then the committe on salaries was appointed as above stated. With Councilmen Walker and Markham Councilman Lebrun was first appointed, but he declined and Councilman Flanders was chosen in his place.

Councilman Mullaney moved to proceed to the election of a sinking fund commissioner for the term of three years.

This motion came as a surprise to many of the members as there was an absence of definite knowledge as to when the election should occur.

Councilman Markham believed that a democrat should have a place on the board and mentioned Geo. M. Harrigan as a good man for the place. Councilman Badger believed that in Charles L. Knapp the democrats have a representative on the board. Councilman Mullaney did not think that indicated that Mr. Knapp is a democrat.

The motion of Councilman Mullaney eventually passed and the result gave Fred A. Buttrick 12, Frederick Buttrick 1, George M. Harrigan 10, and four absent. Councilman Stafford voted for Frederick Buttrick and started to correct it but several of the democrats objected to it and the change was not made. Mr. Buttrick had enough votes without that one.

He was declared elected on the part of the council and then the meeting adjourned.

HOUGH'S STORY

of the Death of His Rival

ON TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

He Hears His Version Repeated by a Witness

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 20.—Joseph Alonzo Hough, who is on trial for the murder of Harry Chadwick by choking him to death and throwing his body into the river, is a sick man. He has nervous dyspepsia. For two hours yesterday afternoon he sat with his head resting in his hand or bowed upon both hands as if utterly exhausted and dejected.

Yet the little man might well have felt cheerful, for all the testimony thus far has gone to show that he never threatened Harry Chadwick, his rival in the affections of May Smith, and there was never any indication of jealousy between the two men.

J. Tyler Smith, May Smith's father, in whose house Hough boarded, told one fact upon which the prosecution laid stress as going to prove premeditation on Hough's part. Mr. Smith said that when Hough left the parlor at 9 o'clock Sunday night to go to bed he was wearing his best suit of clothes. When Mr. Smith was called to Hough's room at 2.30 a. m., the latter wore an old working suit which the witness had not seen for weeks.

Louis J. Smith, May's brother, told of finding footprints in the road which looked as if there had been a scuffle, then of finding the ground torn up in a potato patch near by, as if there had been a hard fight in that place.

The prisoner's counsel made much of this, for it corroborates Hough's statement of how the killing took place.

May Smith was composed while her brother was testifying, but when a green and white checked cuff with a stain of dark rusty red on its edge was held up and Louis Smith identified it as Chadwick's, the girl raised her handkerchief to her eyes, and her shoulders quivered as if she forced back the sobs. Hough did not look at the red-stained relic but turned and regarded the clock.

Alden C. D. Smith, May's elder brother testified that on Sunday afternoon, July 16, Hough spent two hours at his house. The witness spoke of carrying a revolver and said May had urged Harry to carry one.

"Doesn't he carry one?" Hough asked, and the witness answered "No."

Smith told of Hough's admission that he had killed Chadwick. "I asked: 'What did you do to Harry?' He said, 'Oh, I choked him.' Then the witness declared the prisoner told him the following story:

"I waited by the ice house until I saw the light of Harry's wheel coming. Then I ran out to scare him. Harry ran at me with a razor. I ran away and fell down and Harry grabbed me by the throat. I choked Harry till he stopped. I put my ear down to his heart and couldn't hear it beat. Then I was scared. I took Harry and his bicycle down to the river and tied them together and threw them in. I got my bicycle and went home. I calculated I'd have to die anyhow, so I reached into my drawer and got my razor, but I didn't have strength enough to cut myself and fell over on the bed."

Dr. Fred Sumner Smith testified that he found Hough covered with blood and there was evidence that he had been bleeding a long time from a gash five inches long in his right cheek. The cut was made with a sharp instrument, swung in an upward blow. Chadwick was shorter than Hough, so that it would be natural for him to strike upward. He was left-handed, and the blow would land on Hough's right cheek.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

A well attended meeting of the Burkes' Temperance Institute was held last evening in their hall on Middle street. Nine new members were admitted and ten propositions were received. The officers for the ensuing six months will be elected at the next meeting. Two committees were appointed to bring in nominations. Committee No. 1 is made up of Messrs. James Winn, Thomas Nugent and Joseph Halligan; committee No. 2, Messrs. Edward McNally, Edward O'Brien and John Devlin. It was voted to open the whist tournament on Wednesday, Dec. 27, and as there are numerous contestants a good tournament is assured. Arrangements were completed for the complimentary dance which will take place Friday, December 29.

An enthusiastic and well attended meeting was held by the Lowell Reform club last evening and a committee was appointed to secure another hall or release their present quarters.

The society is making rapid strides in its membership list and all members are working for its success. The old members are always out in force. Two candidates were initiated and several proposals were received. The club proposes to hold public meetings on Sunday evenings as is their usual custom and will engage prominent speakers to speak at them. A committee was appointed to make full arrangements for meetings and look after speakers. At the next meeting officers will be nominated and elected for the ensuing term and all members are requested to be present.

At the regular meeting of Court Samuel de Champlain, Foresters of America, last evening, the election of officers took place. The following officers were elected: Chief ranger, Evariste Bertrand; sub-chief ranger, Joseph Boudreau; treasurer, Paul Vigeant; financial secretary, A. N. Boulais; recording secretary, Henry Chaput; senior woodward, William Gauthier; junior woodward, Alfred St. Amand; senior beadle, Phillas Pomerleau; junior beadle, Euclide Mombleau; trustee, Philippe Bourque; captain, Hubert Gregoire; physician, Dr. L. V. Rochette.

Mt. Zion lodge, I. O. G. T., held its regular meeting last evening and a large number of members were present notwithstanding the attraction on the street during Christmas week. An enjoyable good of the order followed. Sister "Robert" Mountford contributed several vocal selections. Nathaniel A. Houston, Jr., gave some clever coon specialties. Frank McLean related amusing anecdotes of how green newspapermen approached him. Secretary Sister Maude Mountford and Chief Templar Thomas H. Husband also made interesting remarks relative to good templarism.

The regular meeting of Oberlin lodge, I. O. O. F., was held last evening and transacted their regular business. The members felt grieved at the loss of their brother and companion, Albert H. Pilkington, a popular member who died yesterday at his home on Favor street.

An enjoyable whist party was held last evening by the James A. Garfield Woman's Relief Corps and suitable prizes were given. The following committee was in charge: Mrs. Helen J. Talbot, chairman; Mrs. Annie Cheney, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Smith, Mrs. Ella Blaisdell and Mrs. Emma Spencer.

The committee appointed to make arrangements for the New Year's festivities to be held under the auspices of the Y. M. C. I. of Belvidere, met last evening and completed arrangements for the festival and it was decided to hold it early in January.

At the meeting of Lowell commandery, Knights of Malta, arrangements were completed for their banquet to be held tonight at Odd Fellows' hall.

The regular meeting of Samuel H. Hines lodge, K. of P., was held last night and one proposition was received. Three candidate were voted in. Officers were nominated.

J. P. Maxfield circle, Ladies of the G. A. R., held their regular meeting last night and arrangements were made for a social and dance to be held in Highland hall, Jan. 17.

Lowell commandery, K. of M., completed arrangements last night for a banquet to be held this afternoon.

Only routine business was transacted at the regular meeting of Lincoln lodge, I. O. O. F. Monday night.

Lexington council, O. U. A. M., held their regular meeting last night and nominated officers to be elected at the next meeting.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Lyceum held a special meeting last evening to take action on the death of their late brother, Augustus Nelson, whose funeral takes place tomorrow morning from the Sacred Heart church at 9 o'clock. The lyceum voted to attend the funeral in a body and all members are requested to assemble at their hall tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock from which place they will march to the late home of their departed brother and take part in the funeral procession.

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MILL LIFE IN LOWELL.

Editor Sun:
Will you please inform me where I can get any good paper or book upon mill life in Lowell and oblige.
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A MILL GIRL.

About the only book we know of on the subject of mill life in Lowell or at least the only one that we would recommend is one recently published entitled "Loom and Spindle," treating of mill life in Lowell sixty years ago and comparing the lot of mill operatives then with that of the mill operative of today. As the writer of the book, namely, Harriet A. Robinson, was herself a mill girl in Lowell about sixty years ago, she gives as might be expected a very graphic account of mill life here at that time; but she is partial to the mill girls of her own day in various ways.

While we do not attempt to detract from the high character she has given them, we object to the insinuation that they were so far ahead of the mill girls of today as this writer would lead us to believe. She does not say so openly, but by her lavish praise of the mill girls of her own day and her appeal to the mill girls of the present to imitate their predecessors in the mills in the matter of self improvement she appears to think that the mill girl of the present day is not up to the standard of former times.

On this point we disagree with the writer and hold that the mill girls of today are the equals or superiors of their predecessors of sixty years ago, physically, intellectually and morally.

True they do not publish a paper like the "Lowell Offering," of early mill days in Lowell; they have not a mutual improvement society; but they have their unions, their society of physical and intellectual culture, which go to fill the place of the improvement circles of former days. Now many of the mill girls attend the evening schools, the People's Club as well as lectures and entertainments, all calculated to advance them both socially and intellectually. If Miss Robinson thinks that the mill girls of today are not as virtuous as those of former days, we would point her to the principal churches of Lowell and assure her that these grand edifices raised to the glory of God stand in a great measure as monuments to the piety, the virtue and the religious zeal of Lowell mill girls. Besides, many of our most prominent and successful business and professional men who flourish in our city today are the sons of mothers who spent their early days in the mill.

If the conviction prevails anywhere that the factory girls of Lowell are not as respectable as any other class of women in the city it is wrong and based upon a misconception.

Visitors to our city who come here with a poor opinion of the mill girls have gone away with a full realization of their error, with knowledge gained from personal observation that the Lowell mill girls of today are equal to those of any other period.

When Whittier resided in Lowell in the early forties he described the mill girls in a manner that will apply equally well today, when he said:

"Acres of girlhood, beauty reckoned by the square rod, or miles by long measure; the young, the graceful, the gay—the flowers gathered from a thousand hillsides and green valleys of New England, the fair unveiled nuns of Industry, Sisters of Thrift and are ye not also Sisters of Charity, dispensing comfort and hope and happiness around many a hearthstone of your native hills, making sad faces cheerful, and hallowing age and poverty with the sunshine of your youth and love. Who shall sneer at your calling? Who shall count your vocation otherwise than noble and ennobling?"

In conclusion we would refer the inquirer to City Librarian Chase, who will willingly provide all the published material concerning Lowell and her factories, including of course the very interesting "Lowell Offering," written by former mill girls and containing many contributions from Lucy Larcom the poetess who made Lowell famous in those days.

At the present time the country is getting an object lesson upon the beauties of the gold standard. Never perhaps in the history of the country have such failures occurred on account of the deficiency of the currency. The John P. Squire firm failed, not on account of any liability to meet its just debts, but because of the financial stringency. In this case the assets greatly exceed the liabilities and so it is with the Produce Exchange Trust of New York, which has failed with liabilities of eleven million dollars. If the circulating medium was sufficiently elastic to meet the demands of the increased volume of business, none of these failures would have occurred. It seems very doubtful whether the currency measure now being passed by congress will remedy this defect; but it will leave the matter largely in the hands of the banks and in this way will leave the people at their mercy. You may expect more panics and panics that will be manufactured by the money kings for their own benefit. That is the tendency at the present time.

The people who have been hoping for an early reduction of war taxes will find little comfort in the report of the commissioner of internal revenue. In that official's annual report to the secretary of the treasury, he gives the receipts for the year as $273,184,573, which is an increase over the previous year of $102,017,000. Notwithstanding this enormous increase, Commissioner Wilson urges the amendment of the revenue law, so as to require the stamping of receipts for individual deposits in banks. A citizen cannot even be allowed to draw his money out of the bank for his own use without paying tribute to the war against the Philippines. Still the telegraph companies and the express companies which have derived large benefits from the war, are exempted from the burdens which are placed on the individual citizen.

England has called upon her two greatest butchers, the generals who have been most successful in cutting down the natives of Asia and Africa, and she wants them to perform a similar operation upon the Boers. When they reach the Boer land, they may find a reception similar to that which awaited the other great butcher, General Butler. By simultaneous action the entire British forces in South Africa may succeed eventually in conquering the Transvaal, but as Paul Kruger warned England, it will be at a loss of life and treasure that will stagger humanity.

It is stated that the friends of City Solicitor Cox will attempt to hold him in office by having the office of assistant city solicitor created and filled by a democrat. In this way he could possibly hold the fort against the opposition of Chairman Poore of the republican city committee. It would be a trade with the democrats but we are of the opinion that the democrats would not be a party to such a trade even for the consideration of filling the position.

In regard to small-pox, the local board of health may profit by the experience of Chelsea. That city has been bothered with small pox for a considerable time, and as each case was pronounced cured, the people supposed that no others would follow, but others have followed and the pest has not been fully eradicated thus far. Lowell may have more trouble than she expects in stamping it out.

Today the increase in wages takes effect in the mills. The operatives can use the increase to buy Christmas presents.

CHRISTMAS SALE

BEING HELD AT WORTHEN STREET BAPTIST CHURCH.

A Christmas sale is now being held at the Worthen street Baptist church under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society.

The fair opened last evening with a good attendance at the supper, which was one of the chief attractions early in the evening. Tonight there will be an entertainment by the children and the fair will open at four o'clock p. m.

An attractive corner of the vestry is the Chinese department which is presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Carr, dressed in Chinese costume. They are ably assisted by two of their faithful Chinese friends, Wong Sing Wing and Chung Fook. The Chinese class in the Worthen Street Sunday school is the pride of the school and they have come forward with the usual generosity of their race, contributing many beautiful and unique decorations to the Chinese table. Other tables are managed by the following chairmen, each with an able corps of assistants:

Domestic table, Mrs. J. P. Ritchie; candy and flowers, Miss Bessie Hurtoon; handkerchief table, Mrs. Wm. Jarvis; apron table, Mrs. Harry Wilson; fancy work, Mrs. Joseph Barber; lemonade, Miss Wm. Jarvis, and the two young ladies who serve, in the costume of Rebeckahs, are Misses Sadie Osborn and Myra Reed. The Christian Endeavorers have a soup table, which is looked after by Misses Irene Wyman and Florilla Bean. Mrs. O. A. Dodge was chairman of the supper committee.

There will be no supper tonight but ice cream and cake will be served during the evening and the entertainment will be a special attraction.

ENJOYABLE SMOKE TALK.

It was a very enjoyable smoke talk that the members of the Mercury club of Centralville gave to their friends in their rooms last night. About 100 were in attendance and enjoyed the numerous jokes, as well as the singing and recitations by the following: Messrs. O'Neil, Rourke, Lynch and Drury. Frank Lally and his graphaphone were at others and he received a rising vote of thanks for his part of the entertainment.

ANOTHER COMBINE

SEVERAL STREET RAILWAYS WANT TO UNITE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—The railroad commissioners today gave hearings on the plan for the consolidation of the Wakefield & Stoneham street railway with the Mystic Valley, Salem & Wakefield, Woburn & Reading and Reading & Lowell roads; also for the consolidation of the Brockton street railway with the Taunton & Brockton street railway, the Brockton & Bridgewater and the Connecticut roads. There was no opposition.

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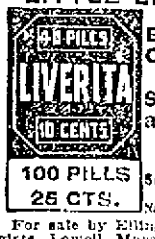

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Sold by all druggists or sent by mail.
Nervita Medical Co., Chicago
For sale by Ellingwood & Co., Druggists, Lowell, Mass.

WHAT THEY WANT

Children Overworked Santa Claus Letter Box

OPENED BY THE BON MARCHE CO.

Some of the Bright Little Notes

The Bon Marche Dry Goods Co. undoubtedly has struck one of the happiest ideas in Christmas advertising that has ever been worked in Lowell.

It is the establishment of a Santa Claus letter box to which the children of this city have been asked to contribute by writing to Santa Claus, telling him of their wants and expectations for Christmas.

The scheme was advertised in The Sun, and as a result the Santa Claus letter box has been worked overtime.

The Sun below prints some of the brightest of the thousands of letters received and sincerely hopes that each little one will get what he or she asks. The letters are as follows:

Santa Claus,
Please call at little peat's.
PEAT McMAHON.
Andover street.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
I write you these few hoping you will will send me a present for Christmas. Wishing you, dear Santa Claus, a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I would like to have a game for Christmas.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a engine and
Oblige,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 18, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please put in my stocking a pair of rubber boots, some games, little men story book, toy cart, a bugle and all you want to. Put anything, come too.
Good-by,
Wishing you a merry Christmas.

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 18, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a book, a dolls hat, a box of writing paper, an ink-stand for my desk, a hankerchief, some hair ribbons,
Yours truly,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 14, 1899.

Dear Santa,
I would be very thanking if you would send me a magic lantern.
Your child,
Good-by.
Kiss XXXXX

Dear Santa Claus
I am a little boy of four years old and as you are very good for childrens perhaps you will give me what I am going to ask you. I want a good magic lantern as big as you can as many good games as you would like a good engine a few story books and a riddle book and a fish pond game please with my best thanks for your kindness
Your Truly friend,

Lowell, Mass.,
Dec. 15, 1899.

Dear Santa Claus
I want for Christmas, a drum, tool chest, game, printing press, ring, book, steamer, horse car, horse and team, hook and ladder fire patrol, bool an alley, magic lantern, gas bell, foot ball, ship, fire man's suit, soldier suit, Indian suit, I think I will close now Santa that is all I want,
Yours truly,
Answer soon

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these are sisters and one of them lives in the same yard
65 Kinsman st.

Dec. 13, 1899
Lowell, Mass.,

Dear Santa Claus
Please send a doll some candy a little tea set.
Please send some one of these three.
MARY E. MULLANE

Dear old santa claus
Id like to have a coat for me 1 year old.

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a doll carriage. And a store book. And I want a set of dishes. I want a sled. I want a piano. I want a black board. I want a jump-jack. I want a stove. And a big doll for a Christmas present.
Your loving fried

Dear Santa Clause.—
I would like a nice pair of skates and a nice story book and a good warm pair of gloves,
Good-by till next time
Yours truly,
P. S. I wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a carriage
And a sled.
And some candy and a set of dishes
And a orange.
And a pair of gloves.
Your friend,

GREEN MOUNTAIN RENOVATOR
A GRAND OLD MEDICINE FOR THE BLOOD

DEWALT'S PENTISTE

CANSE CONTINUED

SURPRISE IN THE FENN MURDER TRIAL.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Dec. 20.—A surprise was sprung yesterday at the opening of the trial of Frederick Eastwood, charged with murder of Frank Fenn of Middlebury, on August 14th last, by the presentation of a motion by counsel for the defense that the case be continued until the June term of court, on the ground that evidence had just been discovered tending to show that the prisoner was subject to fits of insanity. Judge Rowell ordered the case continued. In the interim he directed that the defendant be committed to the care of the state insane asylum at Waterbury and that he be carefully watched for evidences of the alleged insanity.

BUST OF FREBBER.

Yesterday afternoon at the Normal school, Miss Anna Devereaux, superintendent of the kindergarten schools, was presented with a bust of Frebber, the originator of the system.

It was an informal affair, the presentation speech being made by Miss Kelty of the school. All the faculty were invited. Lunch was served and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

WOMEN'S CLUB.

At the rooms of the Middlesex Woman's club yesterday forenoon there was a musical recital by the class in music who are studying the works of several composers. The subject was "Nevin." The recital was for members only.

WEYBOSSET CLUB.

The Weybosset club held another of its December socials in Highland Hall last evening. About 40 couples danced to music by Excelsior Orchestra, six pieces, Lewis Weller, leader. F. T. Mussey had charge of the floor and was assisted by Messrs. Frank Parrot, J. E. Gove, and A. L. Young.

IN CHELMSFORD

Supper by Boys' Lend-a-Hand Society

ENJOYAELE ENTERTAINMENT ALSO GIVEN

Other Interesting News From That Town

The Boys Lend-A-Hand club of the Unitarian society last night proved themselves perfectly capable to act the part of caterers, both in the line of appetite and entertainment.

A good supper was served in the vestry in the early evening, the boys evidently having drawn upon the "home reserves" for their supplies as the English are now doing to continue the war in South Africa. The waiters were Stewart Redman, Percy Redman, Roy Allen, Chester Allen, Lewis Burndrett, Harry Harmon, Fred Tangley, Richard Davis, Brock Emerson, Alfred Howard. The program of the evening which was well carried out was as follows: Song, chorus, "Old Dog Tray"; cornet solo, Roy Allen; chorus, "My Old New Hampshire Home"; reading, "Dissertation on Roast Pig," Mr. D. H. Fletcher; ocarina solo, Richard Davis; reading, "A Happy Philosopher," Rev. Granville Pierce; chorus, "Uncle Ned"; reading, "The Limitations of Youth," Mr. Pierce; chorus, "Just as the Sun Went Down." Mrs. A. M. Warren was the accompanist of the evening. The officers of the club are: President, Alfred Howard; vice-president, Edward Redman; secretary, Louis Burndrett; treasurer, Roy Allen. The committee in charge of the entertainment consisted of Chester Allen, W. B. Redman, Harry Harmon, William Adams, Stanley Cotton and the officers ex-officio, while Superintendent Wm H. Hall of the Sunday school made himself particularly useful in the kitchen.

The boys were quite pleased with the success of their social and so were their guests.

Pursuant to notice a joint session of the selectmen and the school committee was held at the town hall last evening to fill the vacancy in the latter board occasioned by the resignation of Dr. E. H. Chamberlain. J. E. Warren, chairman of the selectmen, presided, and J. A. Parkhurst was secretary. Rev. C. E. Bartlett, pastor of the Central Congregational church, was unanimously chosen to fill the vacancy. Mr. Bartlett is a graduate of Amherst college and both by acquirements and personal characteristics is admirably qualified for the position.

Miss Mary E. Whitford, who has many acquaintances in this village, will spend the winter in the family of Mrs. Julia E. Warren.

At the annual meeting of the Unitarian guild Sunday evening, the following officers were chosen: President, Miss Pearl Dyer; vice-president, Miss Maud Pedham; secretary, Miss Belle Adams; treasurer, Thomas Parkhurst.

The Unitarian Sunday school will have its Christmas festival Saturday evening. The children will have the right of way from 5 to 7 with games and light refreshments after which they will sing Christmas melodies, and then will come the distribution of gifts. Santa Claus's advance agents will be at the vestry during the afternoon.

A special meeting of the selectmen was held Friday, 15th, in answer to a petition for the widening and straightening of Smith avenue. All the abutters except one, were favorable to the proposition. The decision of the board was reserved.

There will be an auction sale of a great variety of household articles at the "Worthen" house, Little ton street, Saturday afternoon at 1o'clock. J. P. Emerson, auctioneer.

UNION MEETING

OF ROYAL ARCANUMITES AT CENTRALVILLE COUNCIL.

Several councils of the Royal Arcanum in this vicinity held a union meeting last evening with the Centralville council, at their hall in Bridge street. The attendance was not very large, but those members who were present had an evening full of entertainment and instruction. The regent of Centralville council, Charles Robinson, presided, and at 8.15 he called to order and presented Past Grand Regent of Massachusetts A. G. Walsh.

Mr. Walsh spoke only a few minutes on the subject of the Royal Arcanum, its objects and what it does. "The System of the Arcanum," he said, "is simple, and more than any other organization, its affairs are open for inspection of members and the public. We have 191,000 members and expect that it will soon grow to 195,000.

It is open to any white man who can pass the examination.

There is a splendid reserve fund in the hands of the secretary of state for the commonwealth, and beside there is a mortuary fund used only to pay death benefits. The organization pays out $5,000,000 each year and in addition adds to the reserve fund, a provision for the future.

"We contend that the Royal Arcanum is stronger today than ever before, that it is a business organization conducted on business principles and that it is worthy of support. It is a life insurance company, but aside from that the feature about it that I take pride in is the social side, the fraternity of the system of Royal Arcanum. I believe in it. I believe that it is a business organization in that it is a life insurance company and protects its members and their families, and that it enables the members to feel themselves in an organization of brotherhood, of helpfulness."

Mr. Mills played a piano solo and song and Mr. Albert Bachelder gave a stereopticon lecture on "The Yellowstone Park" which was much enjoyed and appreciated.

MUSIC HALL

A large audience attended the second performance of "Pads & Follies" company at Music Hall last evening as on the opening night. The company is a very good organization, and won loud applause from the audience almost momentarily, the same big hit being made as at the previous performance. The pictures of the Jeffries and Sharkey fight and battle of Manila were very good, the burlests entitled "Pads & Follies" closed the show with laughter and applause. The company repeat their performance this evening when they make their departure. "The High Roller Extravaganza" company will hold the boards for the last three nights of this week with Saturday matinee. They are an aggregation of women that is sure to prove a great attraction.

SAVOY THEATRE

Last evening, the little Savoy theatre was crowded to its utmost capacity, the "Standing Room Only" sign had to be put out before the performance started. Theatre parties are getting very popular at this house, and last evening 50 young ladies in the employ of the Shaw Stocking Co., formed an enjoyable party and judging from the applause and encores given, those present went away delighted.

The performance opens with Barr and Evans, comedy sketch team in banjo playing and popular songs; Frank Clayton, the eccentric comedian, kept the audience in roars of laughter from the time he came on the stage until he went off. Ellsworth & Burt, presenting a comedietta entitled, "Domestic Pets," are very comical and there is a series of complications from beginning to end. The Deagons in a refined novelty comedy sketch also got their share of the applause.

The star attraction of the evening was Wormwood's monkey theatre. This is by far the most intelligent animals that have come to this city, and this turn is well worth the price of admission alone. The performance shall continue every afternoon at 2.15 and evening at 8.15 o'clock.

NEW MEMBERS ADMITTED.

A meeting of the Y. M. C. A. membership committee was held last night. Twenty-eight applicants were admitted to membership. The committee is anxious to reach the 400 mark before February 1st.

Philip T. Begley, superintendent of the Lowell and Suburban street railway, is confined to his home by pneumonia.

Tests Patience

The Most Patient Lowell Citizen Must Show Annoyance at Times.

Nothing spoils a good disposition.
Nothing taxes a man's patience.
Like any itchiness of the skin.
Itching Piles almost drive you crazy.
All day it makes you miserable.
All night it keeps you awake.
Itch. Itch. Itch. With no relief.
Just the same with Eczema.
Can hardly keep from scratching it.
You would do so, but you know it makes it worse.
Such miseries are daily decreasing.
People are learning they can be cured.
Learning the merit of Doan's Ointment.
Plenty of proof that Doan's Ointment will cure Piles, Eczema or any Itchiness of the skin.
Read the testimony of a Lowell citizen:
Mr. W. L. Clark of 153 Stackpole street says: "We have used Doan's Ointment in our family and it proved a most valuable preparation for the purposes its use is indicated. I procured it at Ellingwood & Co.'s drug store and can cordially recommend it to all suffering from eczema or any itching irritation."
Doan's Ointment for sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitute.

Remember the . .
WORKINGMEN'S
SHOE and CLOTHING STORE
24 Prescott Street.
Near Street Car Waiting Room. Open evenings.

OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

USEFUL HINTS for HOLIDAY GIFTS

No clothing or Furnishing Goods House in Massachusetts displays a greater or more exquisite assortment of practical, useful and up-to-date Holiday gifts than the Big Store.

Below we endeavor to give you some assistance in selecting your Christmas Present for husband, brother, sweetheart, relative or friend. We have mentioned a few of the many useful things you can buy at prices much below what you are asked to pay for the same things elsewhere. We are doing a tremendous holiday business simply because at this time, as at other times during the year, we adhere strictly to popular prices.

Best, Sensible, Stylish, Useful Wearables for Men and Boys in Greatest Assortment That's Known Anywhere.

Neckwear, Gloves, Fancy Suspenders

A pretty Tie holds an important place with men and a choice pair of Suspenders is none the less appreciated, while Gloves—well, we hardly need mention the favor they find with men. Our line showing speaks our readiness to please all tastes, 25c to $2.00. Then there are.

Umbrellas and Mackintoshes.

These are thoughtful gifts. We show a very fine and extensive assortment of Umbrellas for women and men, in all sorts of styles from plain natural handles to heavy sterling silver and gold mounts, fine ivory and horn in more fantastic designs. 48c to $6.00 is the price range. A fine Mackintosh is also a very acceptable present that carries comfort to the receiver. We have a very fine line in all the new styles of make and materials at $4.98 and over.

Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Shirts.

Our assortment of Mufflers is simply grand. A most complete selection of SILK, JAPANETTE and LINEN Handkerchiefs, with initials or plain. Nothing is more useful to a man or accepted with more earnest appreciation than Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, or Shirts, fancy and plain white, embraces a multitude of new and rich patterns, especially selected for holiday trade. Then again, there are SWEATERS, UNDERWEAR, CUFFS AND COLLARS, CUFF BUTTONS, NIGHT SHIRTS, plain and fancy.

Men's and Boys' Caps, Angora Scotch Wool and Worsted Toques and Tams for girls and boys, beach Jackets, fancy Vests, all kinds. Derbys and Fedoras, Jewelry, etc., etc. Any and all the above are useful and sensible gifts, and such as will gladden the heart of the recipient. For the boys, little and big, we have also provided on an equally liberal scale, almost everything mentioned as suitable presents for men. Such a collection of HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE to gratify the desires and satisfy the wants of man and boy was never before assembled under any roof in the city of Lowell.

Phenomenal Success!

The Foremost High-Grade Clothing Sale Ever Planned. It is the Crowning Clothing Event of Our Many Years of Business History.

This sale positively embraces only dependable high-grade Suits and Overcoats. The display embodies all up-to-date styles of perfectly tailored and perfect-fitting attire. Name your fancy. There are 1500 men's and young Men's Suits at $3.98 up to $23.00 2000 men's and young men's Overcoats at $3.98 up to $18. 800 Boys' Reefers and Top Coats, 73c to $4.98. 1200 Boys' Knee Pant Suits, in single and double breasted, with or without vests, 98c to $4.98. This is the grandest of Christmas opportunities we know of. We guarantee you a saving of over one-third on every purchase.

Lowell One-Price Clothing Coompany, 72 to 86 Merrimack St

THE SUN EXTRA!

6 O'CLOCK

FELL INTO CANAL

John Mack Aged 4 Has a Narrow Escape

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT CADY'S FACTORY

Operative's Toe Crushed in Lawrence Mill

This morning about 11 o'clock a youngster named John Mack, aged 4 years, while playing on the Market street bridge near Dutton, fell into the canal. He went down a couple of times, but a man who would not give his name finally succeeded in fishing him out. The ambulance was called but it was found that he was all right though very wet. The ambulance took the boy to his stable on Broadway where the attaches are trying to locate his parents.

It was later learned that the boy lived at 25 Suffolk street.

CHEEK RIPPED OPEN.

Howard Maybury, an employe of Cady's shop in Western avenue, met with a painful accident while at work this morning. A belt hook caught in his cheek and ripped open the flesh two inches in length. He was removed to the Lowell hospital and afterward to his home.

HIS TOE CRUSHED.

While Joseph Carroll of Perkins street was doing some work in the Lawrence mills this morning, a huge weight fell on his foot almost severing one of the toes. He was taken to St. John's hospital and later to his home.

DEATHS

FINNEGAN—The many friends and acquaintances of William A. Finnegan will be pained to hear of his demise, which occurred early this morning at St. John's hospital. His death will be felt more on account of the short time he was sick. He was taken ill a week ago Sunday with symptoms of typhoid fever, which afterwards proved to be appendicitis, and was removed to St. John's hospital. His illness was of such a short duration that many of his acquaintances knew nothing about it until the sad news of his death reached them. Deceased was an honest, upright and highly respected young man, having a great number of friends and he was popular with all who came in contact with him. Deceased was born in this city and educated in the public schools. Shortly after leaving school he entered the employ of The Lowell Sun in the job department, and it was with much sorrow that his old shopmates heard the sad news. After leaving The Sun he entered the Merrimack Print Works, where he was working up to the time of his illness. He was also an usher in Music hall, and many of its patrons wil miss his smiling face. Deceased was the son of James W. Finnegan, the well-known employe of the Merrimack Print Works, and Lizzie J. Finnegan. He was 18 years of age and is survived by a father and mother, two brothers, John A. and Frank, and one sister Gertrude. The body was taken to his home, 122 Prince street, by Undertaker Molloy this morning. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of his parents. Friends are requested not to send flowers.

SPORDEAS—Vaseleos Spordeas aged 19 years, died yesterday at the Lowell hospital.

CLARK—Flora G. Clark, aged 32 years, widow of George A. Clark, died this morning at her home, 4 Crane avenue.

DALY—Joanna Daly, aged 52 years, died this morning at her late home, 26 Butterfield street. She is survived by three sons, Dr. James, John and Cornelius, the well-known Suffolk street druggist, and two daughters, Joanna E. M. Daly of this city and Mrs. Thos. Shanahan of Lawrence. The funeral will take place Friday morning from her home on Butterfield street at 8.30 o'clock. Interment will be in Lawrence.

PLIMPTON—Edward B. Plimpton, aged 78 years, died yesterday at his late residence, 6 Favor street. He was a prominent member of the Odd Fellows. He was a member of Oberlin Lodge and held many offices and was also a member of Monomake Encampment, and was at one time past grand master of the state. He was for a long period a foreman for Amasa Pratt, lumber dealer. He was also in politics, having served in both branches of the city council, and at one time he was a candidate for mayor.

NISON—Augustus G. Nison, aged 21 years, son of Frederick and Mary Nison, died yesterday at the home of his parents, 232 Lincoln street.

PLANTE—Rose Plante, wife of Joseph Plante, aged 25 years, died yesterday at her home in Tyngsboro.

PICHE—Lydia Piche, infant child of Lucien and Marie Piche, died yesterday at the home of her parents, nine Crawford avenue.

RAHALL—Rose Rahall, aged 77 years, died last night at her late home 646 Rogers street. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

BLACK—Miss Annie Black died Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock at 305 Summer street, aged 21 years. Miss Black took her bed Friday last, suffering with pneumonia. Remains to be taken to West Lubec, Me., for burial.

BRYCE'S ATTACK

ON JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN'S CONDUCT OF AFFAIRS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ABERDEEN, Dec. 20—Mr. James Bryce, M. P., in a speech here today, severely attacked Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, the secretary of state for the colonies and denounced his "methods, manner and whole conduct" and said he hoped it would not much longer be possible for him to "do his best to excite hostile feeling in Germany and alienate and throw back and do all possible injury to the closest understanding between us and the United States."

SHIPMENT OF GOLD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Kuhn, Loeb & Co., will ship $500,000 gold by the steamer Southwark, sailing for Europe today. The gold is in double eagles.

IRISH SYMPATHY

Is With the Boers in Their Struggle

MASS MEETING OF HIBERNIANS

Will Soon be Held in Chicago

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—"So far as I have been able to observe, the Irishmen in the different parts of this country are in entire sympathy with the Boers in the war with England. This sympathy they have chosen, and I think the movement will not go farther than this, to manifest by passing resolutions and providing money for the equipment for hospital, ambulance and surgical departments."

This is the statement of John Keating president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The action taken by the local order in Chicago and that of St. Louis has not ended the movement in this matter. The united societies of this city have determined to hold a mass meeting on January 5, at which time there will be speechmaking and a general expression of feelings of the Irishmen of Chicago toward the people of the Transvaal. And what is more important than this in the eyes of those interested in this phase of the matter, the national officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are arranging for a special meeting shortly after the beginning of the year and probably just prior to the Chicago mass-meeting. It is predicted by Mr. Keating that plans will be set on foot by this conference leaking toward a united expression of sentiment and a co-operation in the raising of funds among Irishmen everywhere in the United States and Canada.

"The Irish in America took a decided stand on this question at the very start," said Mr. Keating, "and they have made their position so plain that there is no questioning their attitude. They look upon the people of the Transvaal as a race struggling for a sort of liberty, for which the Irish has been fighting and working for so many years.

"In my opinion the expressions given thus far, both by the Chicago society and by the St. Louis Hibernians are criterions of the trend which the final and united action will take. Evidently the Boers have men enough. What they might use is aid for the wounded.

"We do not want to come into conflict with the laws of the country and it is not desired that there should be a conflict with the Federal government and so it has been deemed best that aid be furnished under the banner of the Red Cross. Neither England or the United States can refuse to pass this emblem beyond the lines, and undoubtedly the Irish-American sentiment will spend itself in this way."

FUNERALS.

EMERSON—Impressive services were held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock over the remains of Rufus F. Emerson, at his late home in Chelmsford. Rev. C. E. Fisher of the First Universalist church, being the officiating clergyman. Mr. Edward E. Adams of this city sang appropriate selections. The bearers were Perley P. Perham, Edward F. Parker, S. W. Parkhurst, and J. Adams Bartlett. Interment was in the Chelmsford Centre cemetery under the direction of Undrtaker Walter Perham.

SICARD—The funeral of Alexander Sicard, child of Napoleon and Emeline Sicard, took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence of his parents, 7 Clinton avenue. Interment was in St. Joseph's cemetery, under the direction of Undertaker Archambault.

CURLEY—Yesterday morning the funeral of Mrs. Mary Curley, wife of Thomas Curley, took place from her late home, 72 Gates street, South Boston, at 9.30 o'clock. Rev. Fr. O'Callaghan officiating. The remains were forwarded to this city where the interment took place. The bearers were Henry Gunning, Edward Riley, Gustave Fiedel and William White. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery this city, under the direction off Undertaker J. F. O'Donnell.

AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WORCESTER, Dec. 20—The high school debaters were no match for the three of the Harvard freshmen debating club who discussed with them in the high school hall this question:

"Resolved, that Great Britain's claims in the present controversy with the South African republic are justifiable."

The high school men took the affirmative, while Harvard defended the cause of the Boers. It was a very interesting and instructive debate.

Hon. Joseph H. Walker presided, and announced that each of the debaters should have 12 minutes, with five additional minutes later for rebuttal.

OUT OF WORK

TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED SEAMSTRESSES ARE NOW IDLE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20—Upward of 2,500 seamstresses have been thrown out of employment by the closing of most of the departments of the Schuylkill arsenal. The order went into effect this week and the tent making department is the only one working.

The shut down is for an indefinite period and work may not be resumed until next July.

The Schuylkill depot is the largest station for the manufacture of soldiers clothing in this country and for a year and a half it has supplied the uniforms for the great majority of the army. This necessitated the employment of nearly 3,000 women who came from all parts of the city and distant cities for the work parcelled out to them.

MRS. PAINE DEAD.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20—Mrs. Louise Payne, wife of the state superintendent of insurance, died at her home in Catham this morning. She had been ill for over a year.

Finest quality English Steel Carving Sets and Bread Knives, choice plated table cutlery. W. T. S. Bartlett, 651-659 Merrimack St. The Up-town Hardware Store.

A ROUGH VOYAGE

Transport Sikh Had an Exciting Experience

WAS BATTERED BY THE WAVES

She Lay Helpless for 43 Hours

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—A special from San Francisco, says:

After a most tempestuous voyage across the Pacific, the transport Sikh arrived here today, three days overdue. The trip from Manila was one of the stormiest yet encountered by the Sikh and she came into port badly battered by the waves and wind. On December sixth, the boat was struck by a storm that continued to rage for many days. The gale tore the funnel loose, broke the cables that support the after mast and the foremast was half torn from its stays. As a last resort, the Sikh was headed into the wind for safety. For forty-four hours the ship lay helpless with the engines going at half speed without gaining a mile. At last the funnel was made fast during the gale, being secured by guy ropes. The masts were made fast in the same manner and the vessel made its way to port.

By the transport Rio Janeiro were received the first details of the recent Filipino attack at the Cavite navy yard. The insurgents planned an attack on Fort Rice, and under cover of this, which they thought would draw all the American troops to that point, they proposed to steal over from Cavite Viejo in a fleet of boats and capture the navy yard and arsenal. Everything proceeded as planned and the rebels in small boats were only a little from shore when they encountered danger from an unexpected quarter. The searchlight of the gunboat Petrel beamed upon them. Then well aimed shots from the Petrel caused the rebels to turn about in hot haste and the Filipinos paddled desperately to reach shore. One six-pound shell from the Petrel struck an insurgent boat amidships, knocked it to splinters and killed every rebel on board. The others were beached near the mouth of a creek and the Filipinos scattered inland.

From trustworthy sources it was learned that the two companies of Montana volunteers who came back from Manila on the transport Zealandia brought back with them $6,000 in gold and Mexican silver. This treasure was first discovered by two men at Caloocan. They were the first to enter the Filipino town which was very rich. They entered a mansion but found the place deserted. In the garden they saw traces of earth having been recently disturbed. Digging down they discovered a chest which contained thousands of dollars in gold coin. The men who found the gold treasure took all they could carry. Then they uncovered a large chest full of Mexican dollars.

SILVER JUBILEE

OF REV. FR. RYAN OF NEWBURYPORT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEWBURYPORT, DEC. 20—Rev. William H. Ryan, rector of the church of the Immaculate Conception, yesterday observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

A solemn high mass was celebrated by Fr. Ryan, with Rev. J. B. Labossiere as deacon and Rev. John Flood as sub-deacon.

Interesting exercises followed at Parochial hall, the children of the parish taking a prominent part. The large auditorium was filled with an audience composed of men, women and children of all denominations.

There were words of welcome by Annie Casey, Gertrude McDonald, Margaret Harrigan and Mabel Hussey; a chorus by the children of the parochial schools; an address by Eugene Kelley; a pantomime, "The Holy City," by several girls; chorus, by the schools; address by Mary Shea; drill, "Years from 1874 to 1898;" presentation of a basket of flowers to Fr. Ryan by John Leary; Te Deum, school.

Fr. Ryan, Rev. L. P. McCarthy of East Boston and Mayor Thomas Hase spoke at some length.

The platform was beautifully decorated in silver and gold draperies, with a large portrait of Fr. Ryan as a centre piece. Across the front of the stage in silver letters was the inscription, "1874, Quid Retribution Domino, 1899."

Following the exercises a dinner was given by Fr. Ryan to a number of his clerical friends. Those present included Rev. L. P. McCarthy and Rev. M. Buckley of East Boston; Rev. P. Buckley of Boston, Rev. John Kelley of Roxbury, Rev. J. H. Egan and Rev. Henry Walsh of Woburn, Rev. Geo. Healy of Salem, Rev. John Lane of Marblehead; Rev. J. M. Donovan, Ipswich, Rev. Fr. Nilen, Amesbury; Rev. P. Masterson of Peabody, Rev. J. B. Labossiere and Rev. John Flood of this city.

Fr. Ryan was the recipient of many presents from his friends.

BIG GIFTS

TO FUND ORGANIZED TO RAISE BRITISH VOLUNTEERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—At a meeting of the corporation today, the lord mayor, Mr. A. J. Newton, announced that £25,000 had been subscribed by the large city firms which are contributing the money to defray the necessary expenses of a force of a thousand volunteers among the city corps. The lord mayor also said that General Lord Wolseley, the commander-in-chief, had accepted the offer of the services of these volunteers.

Lord Rothschild has given £5,000 of this amount and Mr. Charles Wilson, the Hull ship owner, has promised a fully equipped vessel, which is equivalent to a gift of £15,000 to transport these volunteers.

The corporation passed a resolution to confer the freedom of the city on each member of the corps.

THE STATE GRANGE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 20.—This morning's session of the New Hampshire state grange was wholly devoted to balloting for officers. For master, the present incumbent, Hon. Nahum Batchelder of East Andover, was elected for a fifth term by an overwhelming vote. He was first elected master in 1891. Dr. H. A. Hildreth of Bethlehem was chosen overseer. Henry H. Metcalf of Concord, lecturer; Gilbert A. Marshall of Lancaster, steward; and Herbert O. Hadley of Temple, assistant steward, were reelected.

The election continues through the afternoon.

TYRELL'S STORY

Handwriting Expert Testifies in Molineux Case

POINTS OUT SEVERAL PECULIARITIES

Recorder Goff Objected to Osborne's Questions

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—John F. Tyrrel, a handwriting expert, was recalled to the stand in the Molineux trial today. He was asked by Assistant District Attorney Osborne to point out some of the peculiarities he had found in the defendant's writing. He said the first and most prominent characteristic he observed was that much of the writing was vertical without having any of the vertical styles usually accompanying such writing. The witness also called attention to the capital stem used throughout the writing and to what he termed the pen habits. As had been done by expert Kinsley, this witness also called special attention to the "break" in the words whenever a letter beginning with an oval line was used. The dotting of the letter "I" was also commented upon. Mr. Tyrrel said the dotting of the "I" indicated that the writer completed his word and often his sentence before going back to dot the "I." Mr. Kinsley testified that the writer in his opinion invariably stopped to dot the "I" before completing a word. During the examination of the witness, expert Kinsley came into the room and took a seat among the spectators. When Mr. Tyrrel concluded his recital of the peculiarities which he thought most prominent, he was asked by Mr. Osborne to make a few illustrations on the paper-covered blackboard. The recorder objected to this.

Mr. Osborne asked that the witness be allowed to make one or two demonstrations and such permission was granted. Mr. Tyrrel then drew a series of illustrations showing the position in which the writer of the poison package address held his pen and hand while writing that address.

Mr. Weeks asked that the witness be directed by the court to make certain measurements of his illustration, but the recorder replied: "The court will make no suggestions to expert witnesses."

Mr. Tyrrell said that the writer of the poison package address could only write a certain distance without lifting his hand or changing the position of his pen. He demonstrated that the distance between the first stroke in the word "Harry" to the last stroke in the word "Cornish" and the distance between the initial stroke of the "K" in the word "Knickerbocker," and the final stroke in the letter "R" in the same word was practically the same.

This same measurement was found to exist throughout the address, the phrases "Harry Cornish," "Knickerbocker," "Athletic Club," "Madison avenue," "Forty-fifth street" and "New York city" being of practically of the same lineal measurement, representing the witness said, "the swing of the pendulum of the writer's hand."

The witness was frequently questioned by Foreman Martin of the jury as to these measurements and answered all the questions satisfactorily.

Mr. Tyrrel showed that the base line in each of the phrases or parts of the address on the poison package had a different horizon. It showed, he said, that the writer had put his hand down on the paper and then written "Harry Cornish." The limit of the "reach" of the hand had been reached in so doing, necessitating the lifting of the hand and a shifting of position. The writer had attempted to replace his hand on the paper in writing the next phrase "Knickerbocker," so as to form the same base line, but had failed to do so. None of the attempts had been successful and the result was the formation of six different species of base lines, each differing from the other in from five to ten degrees.

STOCK MARKET TAME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—After the exciting scenes of the last few days, the opening of the stock market here today was tame. Prices opened steady, and it is now believed that all danger has been passed.

IN WALL STREET.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WALL STREET, Noon. A raid on Brooklyn Transit dislodged round amounts of stock which lowered it 3 points. Metropolitan Street Railway fell 3 points. Advances in the general market ceased and there was a movement to take profits, Sugar 2 1-4, and some other stocks 1 to 2 points. Supports checked the decline and the market rallied. With the announcement of the increase in the New York Central dividend, that stock jumped 4 1-2 points and the market stiffened, some stocks rising to the best. There were numerous striking gains in the bond market where business was somewhat stronger.

STORES ENTERED

BURGLARS MAKE BREAKS IN FITCHBURG.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FITCHBURG, Mass., Dec. 20.—Burglars broke into three places of business here during the night, but they obtained only a small amount of money and a quantity of hardware, valued at about $50. The places entered are near to each other on Main street and included the stores of A. B. Lawrence & Sons, hardware; J. H. Fairbanks, flour and grain; George B. Woodward, flour and grain. The robbers escaped.

TRANSPORT BURNSIDE ARRIVES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The United States transport Burnside, Capt. Laffin, arrived this morning from San Juan, Santiago and Manzanilla with 14 cabin passengers and 59 discharged and furloughed soldiers and civilians. There was one death on board shortly after leaving San Juan. L. M. Jordan Gallek, a member of the San Juan board of education, died of [illegible] on December [illegible]. His body was [illegible] to this port in a [illegible]. Among the cabin passengers were [illegible] P. Parker, B. K. Ashford and F. L. Wells and Miss Ramsay, daughter of Admiral Ramsay.

WERE INGRATES

Italians Turned on Men Who Saved Them

ONE RESCUER SERIOUSLY INJURED

An Engine Was Bearing Down on Italians

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—John Nicholson, a special policeman employed by the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern railroad, and James Henderson, employed by the same company, as a switchman, saved six Italians from being run down by a switch engine at the Polk street crossing last night. In return for their valor they were attacked by the Italians, all of whom carried knives. A struggle followed, during which Henderson was knocked down by his assailants and Nicholson was stabbed in the neck and cheek. It seems the Italians were standing upon a track which a switch engine was approaching and when they were pushed off in time to save their lives, they resented the act and turned upon their rescuers. Nicholson is seriously wounded.

BAD CANADA BILLS

Two Men Charged With Uttering Them

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20—George E. Litchfield, printer, at 185 High street, this city residing at North Weymouth, and Porter N. Bliss, photographer, at 111 Washington street, living at Wollaston, were held yesterday to the U. S. grand jury, by U. S. Commissioner Fiske, on the charge of uttering counterfeit Canadian $1, $2 and $5 bills.

Litchfield and Bliss were arrested about 10 days ago after the confession of William Davis, the Winthrop counterfeiter who was arrested at Guthrie, Ok., and pleaded guilty and is now serving four years in state prison. Davis was in court yesterday in custody of U. S. Marshal Darling and testified against Bliss and Litchfield.

The hearing was quite a lengthy one, beginning at 11 a. m. and lasting until nearly 6 p. m.

Litchfield and Bliss are out on $2500 bail.

Davis told of his relations with the defendants and of conversations had with them. He met Bliss in October, 1898, and Litchfield later. About the first of the year witness and Chisholm (the latter is serving a sentence in Canada) called on Litchfield and had a talk about plates. Chisholm gave Litchfield $5 and subsequently gave him $6 for inks, etc.

Chisholm furnished all the money to meet expenses incurred in making the counterfeit bills. The money was sent to witness either by express or by money orders. Witness met Litchfield several times, by appointment or casually. Litchfield broke many appointments, but always kept those when witness had money to give him. In February Litchfield and another man came to witness house and asked for $25. They were under the influence of liquor. Witness gave Litchfield $1.

Witness bought a press and had it installed in a house in Winthrop, where he lived with Ann Hubert, who is also under indictment. Litchfield went to the house several times. The first time he was there impressions were made, but as they were no good they were destroyed. The third time Litchfield was there more impressions were made, but the paper was poor, so the bills were destroyed.

Litchfield said he would have nothing further to do with the scheme after he had got about $50 or $60. No counterfeit money was made by Litchfield which was put in circulation, neither was any made in his presence which was circulated. On both occasions when impressions were made the paper was destroyed because of unsatisfactory results.

BOXING STOPPED

ST. LOUIS WANTS NO MORE OF THE GAME.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 20.—The police board has issued an order to Chief Campbell to stop all boxing contests that may in the future be proposed, whether before a bona fide athletic club or otherwise, where the contest is for a money purse or in what professional fighters are to be engaged. This is the direct result of the Meise fatality at the Fourteenth Street Theatre.

The directors of the St. Louis Exposition company have decided not to rent the Coliseum building hereafter to organizations giving exhibitions smacking of prize fighting.

BRUMBY'S BODY

VIEWED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE TODAY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 20.—The body of Flag Lieutenant Brumby arrived from Washington this morning and was escorted to the state capitol by a military guard. Between 10 and 12 o'clock thousands of people viewed the remains.

The funeral will take place from the cathedral at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be conducted with military honors.

GOV. WOLCOTT'S CHOICE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Gov. Wolcott today sent the following nominations to the executive council

Charles T. Plunkett of Adams and John R. Lawson of Newton, to be state directors of the Fitchburg railroad; Stillman S. Blanchard of Boston, director of the Collateral Loan company and Stephen B. Sharples of Cambridge to be inspector and state assayer of liquors.

PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Navy—M. S. Elliott to be past assistant surgeon; H. E. Cormody, to be first lieutenant in the marine corps.

NO CONFERENCE YET.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Dec. 20.—Owing to the absence of Col. William Goddard, who is in New York, the conference between the Lonsdale company officials and the committee representing the strikers at the No. 4 mill was not held today, as expected. Arrangements for a conference Friday were made, and it is expected that the situation will be gone over on that day.

RUSSIA AIDS ENGLAND.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec 20.—It is rumored here that the bank of Russia has advanced the bank of England £8,000,000.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Forecast for New England: Fair tonight and Thursday, winds mostly light to fresh westerly.

THE GRAND JURY

Will Have Charges Againt Senator Gallinger

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 20.—A special from Laconia says that the charges brought by ex-Governor G. A. Busiel and Senator W. E. Chandler against Senator J. H. Gallinger, alleging violation of the civil service laws, will be taken before the grand jury next week.

Ex-Governor Busiel says the attorney general has referred the charge against Senator Gallinger in the civil service case to United States District Attorney Hamblett who has notified me that the matter can go before the grand jury in Concord on December 27. The case is in the hands of my attorneys and they will take what steps are deemed necessary to have the matter properly presented to the grand jury.

SWINDLER AT WORK.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 20.—One of the men who are seeking to get money out of prominent citizens by offering to insert their pictures and sketches in a book to be used by the Associated Press, has been working this city. A man representing himself as agent of the Associated Press tried to get $150 from Judge Stiness of the supreme court, but the judge did not accept his offer. Other citizens are thought to have been approached.

SALE AND TEA

HELD BY THE LADIES OF THE UNITY CLUB.

A sale and tea were held yesterday afternoon and evening at the home of Mrs. Frank E. Shaw, Tyler Park, under the auspices of the ladies of the Unity club.

The weather was not all that might be desired, but despite that fact there was a good attendance and sales were lively. All of the spacious rooms on the first floor of the elegant home were devoted to the sale and tea tables. It was a pretty and animated social function and the proceeds are to be devoted to charitable purposes.

The ladies who assisted in the dining room were: Mrs. Henry Church, Mrs. Edward Thomas, Mrs. Walter Parker, Mrs. Frank Putnam and Mrs. Horace Beals. The other committees were as follows: Fancy work, Mrs. G. H. Gibson, Mrs. Samuel Burbank and Mrs. George Larrabee; sewing table, Mrs. Fred Kilgore, Mrs. John Stott and Mrs. George Evans; cake table, Mrs. George Healey, Mrs. Thomas Mather, Mrs. Carl Burtt, Mrs. Harry Parker and Mrs. Dorr; candy table, Mrs. Frank Stowell, Mrs. Albert Green and Mrs. Horace Beals. Miss Mills officiated at the door.

Charlotte Morton ran a very successful gypsy booth where she told of the past, present and future. The reporter was informed by one of the ladies that every one who attended the sale had her fortune told and all were well pleased with the results. There were two prizes that were drawn for after the sale was over. One was a picture and the other a doll. Mr. Joseph P. Courtney was the winner of the first prize and Mr. George Manning came into the possession of the doll. The doll's name is Lizzie and the ladies had quite a discussion as to what the doll's other name shall be. The finally decided to leave it to Mr. Manning.

POLICE BOARD

LICENSES GRANTED AND REVOKED AT MEETING.

The following licenses were granted last night at the meeting of the board of police:

Theatres, Mack & Dempsey, Savoy, Bondy & Co., Music Hall.

Express, Carlos O. Grimes, 17 Ware.

Pool table, Richard Hayes, 121 Gorham; James Cuff, 51 Fletcher.

Auctioneer, T. F. Kelley, 56 Middlesex

Common victualler, Susetta T. Joy, 29 Gorham; Marie Chouinard, 256 Aiken; Diana Bergeron, 219 Gorham.

Hawker and pedlar, James Doyle, 416 School.

The following licenses were revoked: Common victuallers, Diana Bergeron, 454 Central; Prosper Milot, Lee.

Express, Eugene E. Stoughton, No. 51; Theatre, J. Henry Collins, Gately, Merrimack street.

Leave to withdraw was granted Cesare Morneau, 259 Aiken street on application for a common victualler's license.

The special police warrant of John M. Harvey, Wentworth block, was revoked.

DR. FINNEY DEAD

HE INVENTED THE TROLLEY SYSTEM FOR STREET CARS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FOX LAKE, Wis., Dec. 20.—Dr. E. J. Finney, the inventor of the trolley system of propelling street cars, died here today. He had over 35 electrical patents, many of them of great value, but did not possess the faculty of making them pay him much money.

FRANCO-AMERICAN TREATY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Franco-American commercial treaty was presented today to the Chamber of Deputies. A bill making the treaty operative was also presented to the chamber.

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Sold at stores, $1 per box; 6 boxes, sufficient to cure most obstinate cases, $5.

Goodale's drug store, 317 Central St., Lowell, or sent direct from laboratory prepaid to destination, on receipt of price. Circulars free. Address HALLOCK DRUG CO., 110 Court street, Boston, Mass.

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Artificial Teeth.

If nature did not provide you with good teeth, then have a set made. Dr. Simmons will make you a set of the best for $5. If you have a set you are not pleased with, you can have them put on a new plate for $5.00. Dr. E. H. Simmons, 219 Central street.

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And of course it is quite necessary to have a supply of sweet bread for these occasion, and Peter Watson's, the king baker of the city, is the place to get your Bakery Supplies. There is none better in the city than you can get at

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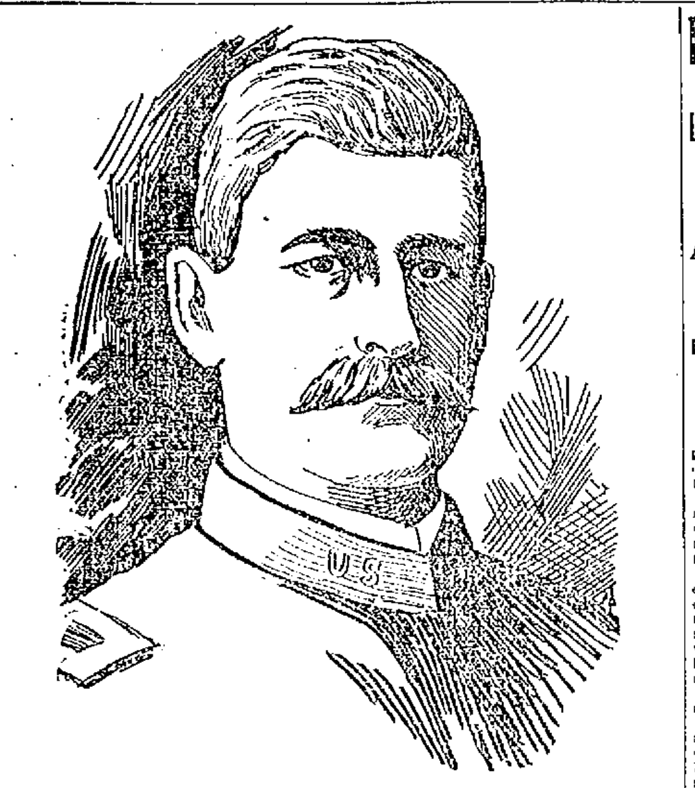

GEN. LAWTON, WHOSE NAME WILL LIVE IN HISTORY AS ONE OF THE BRAVEST SOLDIERS WHO EVER FOUGHT UNDER THE AMERICAN FLAG.

DEEP SORROW

Felt for General Lawton's Death

By Associated Press to The Sun.

MANILA, Dec. 20.—The death of Gen. Lawton has cast a gloom over the troops here and most of the soldiers have vowed vengeance against the Filipinos. As to the manner of his death it is said he exposed himself to unnecessary danger on the firing line directing the attack of his troops upon Gen. Geronimo's entrenched insurgent force.

San Mateo was attacked at 8 o'clock and a three hours' fight ensued. This resulted in but few casualties on the American side, apart from the death of Gen. Lawton; but the attack was difficult, because of the natural defences of the town.

Gen. Lawton was walking along the firing line, within 300 yards of a small sharpshooters' trench, conspicuous in the big white helmet he always wore and a light yellow rain coat. He was easily distinguishable because of his commanding stature.

The sharpshooters directed several close shots, which clipped the grass near. His staff officers called Gen. Lawton's attention to the danger he was in, but he only laughed, with his usual contempt for bullets.

Suddenly he exclaimed, "I am shot," clenched his hands in a desperate effort to stand erect, and fell into the arms of a staff officer.

Orderlies rushed across the field for the surgeons, who dashed up immediately, but their efforts were useless. The body was taken to a clump of bushes and laid on a stretcher, the familiar white helmet covering the face of the dead general.

Almost at this moment the cheers of the American troops rushing into San Mateo were mingling with the rifle volleys. After the fight six stalwart cavalrymen forded the river to the town, carrying the litter on their shoulders, the staff preceding with the colors, and a cavalry escort following. The troops filed bareheaded through the building where the body laid; and many a tear fell from the eyes of men who had long followed the intrepid Lawton. The entire command was stricken with grief, as though each man had suffered a personal loss.

The body has been removed to Manila where his family lived in a government building.

CONFIRMED BY OTIS

HE REPORTS THAT GEN. LAWTON WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—The war department last night received the following official confirmation of the killing of Gen. Lawton near San Mateo, Luzon:

Manila, Dec. 20, 1899.

Gen. Lawton, engaged in driving the insurgents from the San Mateo section of country, northeast of Manila, was killed instantly at 9.30 o'clock yesterday morning. This is a great loss to us and his country. OTIS."

POLICE PENSIONS

Law Which City Council Has Accepted

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR IN DOUBT

How it Affects the Police Department

All that now remains to make the police pension order of the city council effective is Mayor Crowley's signature.

There is some doubt as to whether or not his Honor will give the matter his official sanction for his attitude last night was not very encouraging to the friends of the movement.

This measure was passed by the city council during the administration of ex-Mayor Fifield, but the latter vetoed it and it has not been heard from since until last night, when it passed with but little opposition. The entire law which the city council adopted is as follows:

Chap. 358 of Acts of 1892—Be it enacted as follows:

Section 1. The board of mayor and aldermen of any city, except the city of Boston, containing not less than 75,000 inhabitants by the last state or national census, may retire from active service and place upon a pension roll: First, any member of the police department of such city who has arrived at the age of sixty-five years and who has performed faithful service in said department for a period of not less than 15 years.

Second, any member of said department who shall be certified to said board in writing by the city physician of such city as being permanently incapacitated, either mentally or physically by injuries sustained through no fault of his in the actual performance of duty, from further performing duty as such member.

Third, any member of said department who has performed faithful service therein for a period not less than twenty years, if, in the judgment of said board, said member is incapacitated for useful service in said department.

Section 2. The amount of the annual pension allowed to any person retired under the provisions of this act shall not exceed one-half of the annual compensation received by him at the time of such retirement. In case such person is retired on account of injuries received, and shall not exceed one-third of such compensation in case such person is retired on account of age or service, the same to be paid by the city.

Section 3. Cities within the provisions of this act are hereby authorized to appropriate money to provide for the payment of the pensions authorized by this act.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its acceptance by the city council of any city coming within its pensioners.

The petition sent into the city council bears the following signatures: Hon. George F. Richardson, A. C. Wheelock, Wm. H. Anderson, Samuel P. Hadley, C. H. Hanson, George Runnels, Michael Corbett, Charles J. Glidden, T. Costello & Co., D. H. Varnum, E. M. Tucke, J. Tyler Stevens, R. G. Bartlett, George H. Wood, Arthur H. Hosford, James H. McDermott, E. A. Smith, Daniel Gage, George C. Dempsey, J. L. Chalifoux, Walter L. Parker, S. K. Dexter, O. H. Hanlett, Jas. G. Buttrick, Edward W. Trull, Edward L. White, Percy Parker, E. W. Thomas, Addison Putnam, Frank P. Putnam, Freeman B. Shedd, Asa C. Russell, Crawford Burnham, Wm. B. Spalding, C. I. Hood, S. C. Davis, John J. Donovan, George J. Carney, John T. Vincent, Joseph Marin, A. G. Pollard, Frank W. Hall. It will be seen readily that some of the heaviest taxpayers in Lowell are on the list of petitioners.

There are only three men on the police department who are 65 years of age and none of them is incapacitated from duty. In fact, Albert Libby, who patrols Centralville Hill, is one of the most efficient day officers and is 66 years of age. City Hall Officer Jones is 68 years of age. Court Officer Isaac Libby is 72 years of age. All three are able to do duty well and would not be retired under the new law. The only officer to be affected by the pension law at present would be Court Officer Henry Farrington, who is 61 years of age and a victim of paralysis.

Supt. Davis is in favor of the measure and says:

"If the law goes into effect, it will not entail much additional expense to the city. At no time would there be more than four or five on the pension list. I hope the mayor will sign the order.

BOSTON RECOUNT

Shows no Material Change in Results

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The recount of the city's vote at the recent election which had been in progress at Horticultural hall for two days was finished last evening about 7 o'clock.

No changes in the successful candidates were developed during the recount.

By the revised figures Mayor-elect Hart increases his plurality over Collins by 1·8 votes, giving his a total lead of 2278.

E. W. Presho, rep., who went into the recount for street commissioner with a lead of only 142 over Duane, dem., by the final returns has a plurality of 352.

Dr. Bulger, dem., by the recount leads Mr. Ernst, rep., for the school committee by 468 and is elected.

The recount for alderman in the district comprising wards 22 and 23, showed only a slight change of figures as follows:

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Middlesex, ss.

PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, creditors, and all other persons interested in the estate of DANIEL McDONALD, late of Lowell, in said county, deceased, intestate.

Whereas, a petition has been presented to said court to grant a letter of administration on the estate of said deceased to Peter A. Mackenzie of Lowell in the County of Middlesex, without giving a surety on his bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a probate court to be held at Lowell, in said county of Middlesex, on the sixteenth day of January, A. D., 1900 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be granted.

And the petitioner is hereby directed to give public notice thereof, by publishing this citation once in each week for three successive weeks in The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published in Lowell, the last publication to be one day at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Esquire, Judge of said court, this nineteenth day of December in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-nine.

S. H. FOLSOM, Register.

FATHER'S LETTERS

Bought by Miss Helen Gould

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—Miss Helen Gould's name figured in the Harlem police court yesterday morning in a case in which four women dressmakers were the principals. Three of the women accused the fourth, Mrs. Alice L. Snyder, 48 years old, of No. 161 West One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, of luring them into partnership with her by advertisements and then taking all their money. She had a store in Flatbush avenue, Brooklyn. Two had paid $50 each to Mrs. Snyder, they said, and the third had paid $300 to her.

Mrs. Emma L. C. Van Winkle, of No. 117 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, said that before she put $50 in Mrs. Snyder's hands the latter had assured her that Miss Helen Gould was a customer and a personal friend of hers. Mrs. Van Winkle wrote to Miss Gould and received in reply this letter, which was presented in court yesterday:

No. 607 Fifth avenue, April 13, 1899.

Mrs. E. L. C. Van Winkle:

Dear Madam:—letter of April 11 has reached me, and in reply I would say that all I know of Mrs. Alice Snyder is that many years ago her husband had business connections with my father, during the course of which my father had to communicate with Mr. Snyder by letter. Subsequently finding that Mrs. Snyder was in need of money, I offered to pay certain sums for such of my father's letters as she held in her possession. I also gave her some sewing to do, but have never met her personally and cannot vouch for her business ability, as I know nothing about it. Very truly,

HELEN GOULD,
Per G. M. L.

Mrs. Florence Monroe, of No. 122 West Forty-fourth street, the principal complainant, said that Mrs. Snyder had also told her that Miss Gould was one of her customers. She went to see Miss Gould, and the latter told her about buying the letters.

Mrs. Elizabeth Mitchell, of No. 35 Seventh avenue, said that Mrs. Snyder had defrauded her in the same way.

All three women said Mrs. Snyder had some strange mesmeric power, and that even after they discovered that she was deceiving them, they went on with her in the business. Mrs. Snyder was held in $1,000 bail on a charge of grand larceny.

Mrs. Monroe told Magistrate Flammer that Miss Gould's secretary had told her that Miss Gould had paid Mrs. Snyder several hundred dollars for the letters in question, as Mrs. Snyder had represented that the letters would be very injurious if published. Miss Gould, the secretary said, had found the letters to be of no importance.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

SOUTH BILLERICA.

The sale of the Holland farm at South Billerica last week to Mrs. Eliza Grady of Wamesit street, Lowell, was the biggest transfer of suburban property consummated in the Boston real estate market for many weeks. Edward T. Harrington & Co., handled the sale. The money consideration is not stated. The land comprises about 35 acres and a set of new buildings. The purchaser will soon take possession.

ADMIRAL SAMPSON

WAS OVERPAID BY THE NAVY DEPARTMENT.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Mr. R. J. Tracewell, the controller of the treasury, has revised the action of the auditor of the navy department in the claim of Rear Admiral William T. Sampson for pay as rear admiral while performing the duties of that grade. In making the readjustment, Controller Tracewell finds that Rear Admiral Sampson was allowed $549 too much by the auditor for the navy department in arriving at the differences in pay in the various grades which Admiral Sampson held.

SOLON STEVENS

Gave Interesting Lecture Before the Mathews

UNION MEETING OF THE ROYAL ARCANUM

Other Social and Fraternal Meetings

Mr. Solon Stevens last evening delivered the last lecture under the auspices of the literary committee of the Mathew Temperance Institute at their hall in the Mansur Block.

The subject taken by Mr. Stevens was "Scholarly Spirit" and after expressing his appreciation of the honor done him in being invited there, he said in part:

"George W. Curtis once in an address to young people alluded to the following picture: An old man and an old woman, decrepit with age were walking one day in the woods when they beheld in front of them a young man and woman in the full vigor of life and health. They recognized in the couple themselves as they had appeared years ago, when they were young and healthy.

"Young men, I see this picture before me tonight and as I look upon it, my thoughts turn back to my youthful days. What I wish to impress upon you this evening is for you to maintain a scholarly spirit in all your doings in this world. Cultivate a habit of performing tasks in a scholarly manner. Use your intelligence as well as your muscles and you will succeed. Brains are bound to count for something. You are just starting in life and the first question that confronts you is: How shall I succeed?

"Life may be compared to a battleship; they both have to face the same dangers of sunken reefs, etc. It is a well known fact that no two men have have taken the same route in life.

"Again, life may be compared to the drama, with the world as the stage and the people the actors. To my mind, life is a great school and we are the pupils, all under the same master, under whom we are trained, and the man who is best trained will be the one who will succeed. Those who do their work the best are the most successful ones and brains the winner.

"I do not maintain that when a young man leaves school or college that his education is finished; it is only just begun. School and college but prepare a man for a scholarly life; he must learn things in everyday life. It is the man who makes the most of opportunities that is the most successful; the self-made man is the man of power, the one who does not stop when he leaves college, but keeps right on educating himself all through his life. Education is part of a man's life, just as much as his religious or moral growth.

"A man may do much by the use of good books. These are of two kinds; books of power and books of knowledge. The book of power is the one which governs the conduct of life, inasmuch as it teaches by moving the heart and mind simultaneously.

"Self reliance is a thing a young man must learn. He must learn to strike out for himself and not to lean upon others. There is no better time than the present for scholarly minds. New avenues have been opened and the man with brains has a good chance to succeed. Brag and bluster may triumph for a while, in the beginning but in the end brains and character will tell every time."

This closed Mr. Stevens' address and he was tendered a rising vote of thanks by the society.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

Hear the Dartmouth combined Musical Clubs. Best college talent. Odd Fellows' Temple, Tuesday, Dec. 26.

Basket ball at Associate hall tonight.

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Every Mother should have Johnson's Anodyne Liniment in the house for croup, colds, sore throat, tonsilitis, colic, cuts, bruises, cramps and pains liable to occur in any family as long as life has woes.

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If any soreness of the throat is present, saturate a flannel with the Liniment, and put about the throat at night, with a dry cloth bound over the flannel. Bathe the chest freely with the Liniment. Keep the bowels open, and we will guarantee a cure. If a cold has been neglected and becomes seated in catarrh of the nasal passages, or turns out to be la grippe, we would suggest that the best method of

Treatment for La Grippe

is found in the wrappers around each bottle of Johnson's Liniment. It will cure la grippe quicker than any known remedy. A mild nutritious diet, a gentle physic to free the secretions, and a bottle of that old Anodyne from your druggist, will conquer any case, and perhaps save you from something worse.

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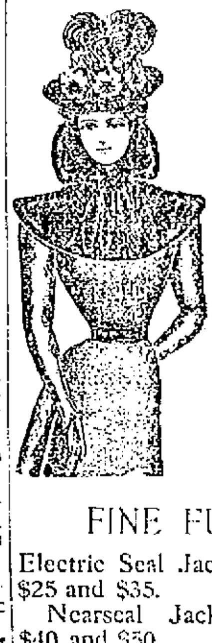

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Persian Lamb Jackets, xxxx quality, $1.25	Eiderdown Dressing Sacques 69c, 98c, to $2.98
Alaska Seal Coats, $250 quality, $175.	Tea Gowns, $1.98, $2.98 to $7.50
Electric Seal, Marten trimmed capes, $29 to $40.00	Bath Robes, $1.98, $2.98 to $5.98
Marten Capes, 30 inches long, $75 to $100.	Ostrich Feather Boas, $5. to $20.
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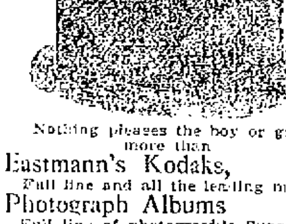

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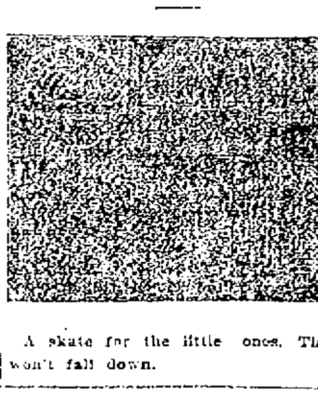

A skate for the little ones. They won't fall down.

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EIGHT HOUR LAW

Promises to Mix up City Affairs

ADDITIONAL EMPLOYES MAY BE NEEDED

And Wages May be Cut Down

Since the recent city election determined that henceforth city laborers shall be employed only eight hours a day, the city officials are doing considerable thinking and figuring as to just what it means and how it is to be met. The law will not go into effect until after next Tuesday when the aldermen will accept officially the result of the election. Then Mayor Crowly will notify the heads of departments that the eight-hour law has gone into effect and then what?

Then what? is what is at present bothering Agent Knapp of the health department, Supt. Cheney of streets, and Supt. Beals (who is not fired) of sewers, City Messenger Fagan, Sec. Courtney of the outdoor relief department and other employes of city laborers who have work that must be done if it takes 24 hours out of the 24.

The law is as follows:

Chap. 344—An act to make eight hours a day's work for city and town employes.

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Section 1. Eight hours shall constitute a day's work for all laborers, workmen and mechanics now employed or who may hereafter be employed by or on behalf of any city or town in this commonwealth.

Section 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This act shall not take effect in any city or town until accepted by a majority of the voters voting thereon at an annual election. Such vote shall be taken by ballot. When so accepted, this act shall take effect from the date of such acceptance. Approved May 6, 1899.

In the first place the law provides no penalty for disobedience of its requirements and it might not be enforced at all though that is extremely doubtful as a laborer will hardly work longer than the law requires without raising objections. But if the law is disregarded and a city official is taken into court the court can hardly do any thing more than to notify him officially that the law must be enforced and then fine him for contempt of court if he should persist in disregarding its provisions. There are ordinances in existence which are not enforced because they have no penalties attached to them.

But the great question arising from the eight-hour law is how extra work is to be accomplished. In some cases extra men will be needed but here the official requiring them is tied up by his appropriation which does not provide for the salary of extra men. In such cases the only way left is to cut down the pay of those working in order to pay the extra help. Then those so cut down will make a vigorous protest and in some cases abandon their jobs leaving the official in a tight place.

The question has been asked, Does the eight-hour law affect patrolmen in the police departments? Each member of the day shift works 9 1-3 hours. There are 21 day men. Now, if these work eight hours four new day men will be necessary to cover the time now being covered by the 21. But besides the patrolmen, there are two patrol wagon officers, working 12 hours a day each. If these are affected one more man for the wagon is needed. There are two patrol wagon drivers working 12 hours each and again an additional man must go to work. The police department hostler works 12 hours a day. He will either have to hustle his work along or else another man will be required. There is also a night operator on the police signal who works 12 hours. All these, too, work seven days a week. It is quite probable that the law will be modified to exclude policemen and firemen.

But the other departments are in a quandary, particularly the health department. Agent Knapp has thought of the matter but not having received official knowledge of the law has not taken any action in the matter. Discussing the eight-hour measure, Agent Knapp said:

"Our department is peculiarly situated. We have work to do that must be done promptly it matters not what time regulations may be made by law. We must gather swill and ashes without loss of time, otherwise we have the citizens after us. Moreover, we must have regular periods for gathering each so that each householder knows just about what time to expect us. We must collect swill and ashes in as few hours as possible. In the work of collecting much time is lost going to and from the stable to the further ends of the city and while a man may work hard under short hours, they will show little results. Our men go to work now about 7 o'clock. Under the 8-hour law, they will begin work at 7.30. I have found from experience that the early hours in the morning are the best of the day and we cannot afford to lose that half hour. If they will allow us to compute time on a basis of 48 hours per week which is equivalent to eight hours a day, we could get along very nicely and give the men a half holiday on Saturday which I believe would suit them as well as an eight-hour day. However, we shall endeavor to comply with the law when properly notified that it has gone into effect."

The Sun reporter spoke with City Messenger Fagan on the matter and he said: "In my department are an engineer and an assistant who work ten hours a day seven days in the week for $3 and $2 respectively per day and two firemen who also work 70 hours per week at 15 cents per hour. There is that much work to be done no matter how many do it and there is no money allowed me for additional help. The firemen get paid for overtime work while the engineers do not, although frequently they are obliged to work overtime. I am not aware as yet what course will be pursued. It may be that we shall be privileged to hire additional help or we may have to allow our firemen to continue working paying them overtime. The janitors all work over eight hours per day. Some days Janitor Delmage gets in 18 hours out of the 24. He goes to work at 8 in the morning and is obliged to remain until all meetings are over and some of them do not adjourn until midnight."

Secretary Courtney when seen said: "I am wondering whether or not the ambulance drivers come under that law. The ambulance stable must be covered at all hours if we have to employ extra men."

Supt. Cheney was too hard to find, but Supt. Beals whom we are pleased to state is still holding his job, said: "There are about 160 men working on the sewer department. They work 9 hours a day but I don't think the eight-hour law would necessitate the hiring of any more ordinary laboring men. I presume it would affect the bricklayers, however, as they are paid by the hour. We have three watchmen on duty at present who work 12 and 13 hours per day. Watchmen are necessities and if their hours are cut down another shift and consequently more money would be needed."

City Engineer Bowers and Supt. Thomas of the water board will undoubtedly need additional men under the new law and on the whole the enforcement of the new law will mix up matters somewhat if it doesn't find jobs for numerous more or less worthy applicants.

THE 58 HOUR LAW

Cheif Wade Thinks Spirit Is Violated

Chief Wade of the state police says he has no hesitancy in saying that the spirit of the 58 hour law, if not the letter, is being violated.

"The law was passed with a view to establishing 58 hours as the maximum number weekly for women and minors in the mills, and the exchange or shifting of help who have worked the full number of hours from one mill to another that they may work overtime nights is, in my opinion, an evasion of the law,' said Chief Wade.

"If the present law does not fully cover the matter, then it will have to be amended by the legislature, for if help could work the required 58 hours during the day, and then go to another mill and work nights, they easily could work almost 100 hours a week, which would be even a worse state of affairs than existed before any law regulating the number of working hours was passed.

"There is no question about the intent of the law. It was passed to shorten the hours of labor and fix a standard. In 1874 the 10-hour law was passed to reduce the number of hours for women and minors, and it was complied with chiefly up to the time of the passage of the 58-hour law. This has continued up to the present time, with but few exceptions, and most of the employers have lived up to it.

"It seems strange to me that employes should help to evade a law made expressly to shorten their hours and to establish a precedent for longer hours than provided by law. If, as is stated in the papers, the help go to another mill at night and work overtime, the laboring people themselves are evading the law. The purpose of the law is plain, and it was even suggested that 54 hours constitute a week's work, which shows conclusively that the legislature passed the law with the express purpose of giving the operatives shorter hours.

"If the law can be evaded in the manner set forth then a worse condition presents itself than if there was no law. For instance, a number of mills that desired to run nights would only have to shift their employes from one to another, provided the employes were willing to work overtime. Should any of the employes be ordered to go to another mill to work or be intimidated, then this would be a conspiracy to evade the law, and action could be brought against the employers.

Chief Wade is looking into the matter, and will see if the law cannot reach this alleged evasion of its intent.

AT KEELY INSTUITE

"JACK" DAY, THE YOUNG BROKER, IS THERE.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—"Jack" Day, the youthful broker who it is said married Lillie Menzies of the "Round New York in Eighty Minutes" company, some days ago is at at the Keeley Institute in White Plains.

"I don't even know that I am married," he said yesterday to a World reporter.

"Your father admits that Miss Menzies is your wife, and it is said that she has exhibited a marriage certificate to friends."

"Well! If my father says I'm married I suppose I am," the young man rejoined, "but I don't believe that any marriage certificate has been on exhibition," and he smiled.

"Are you going back to your wife, or are you going to try to have the marriage annulled?"

"I have no idea what I shall do. Besides, it would not be proper for me to make a statement now. It might prejudice my future action."

Mr. Day went to White Plains Saturday night, accompanied by his father, a wealthy merchant of this city.

NEW WELLS

LAND SELECTED ON BEAVER BROOK BANK NEAR N. H. LINE.

The land upon which the new driven wells are to be located has been selected by Z. H. Goodnow, engineer for the state board of health, who visited Lowell yesterday for the purpose of making tests and examinations with a view to locating the land for the experimental wells.

He finally selected land near the New Hampshire line, close by the side of the brook. The land, which lies above Collinsville, is sandy and flat and promises well for the purpose. The state board has made chemical tests of the water in the brook and finds it to be free from carbonic acid gas. If the water under the brook is of similar quality it will be most desirable for city use. It is the carbonic acid gas that gives the water the sparkle it has, and which makes it so palatable. It is also the element that makes the water dangerous. After these wells are sunk the water board will sink more wells on the boulevard, above the present engine house, and it is hoped that a sufficient supply will be obtained, so that the wells at the city farm may be shut down. The water board and the state board of health are working in unison and it is believed that they will reach a solution of the difficulty very soon.

BANK ASSIGNS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The National Bank of Port Jarvis, New York, did not open its doors for business yesterday. A notice signed by President Francis Marvin was posted saying that a temporary suspension was made necessary by the stringency in the New York money market. The suspension is attributed primarily to the recent defalcation of L. E. Goldsmith, the assistant cashier.

Pocketbooks, Umbrellas, Leather Novelties, etc. Devine's, 58 Merrimack St.

AT BASKET BALL

Some Modifications Necessary to Present Game

THAT HAVE ARIZEN IN CONTESTS

Discussed at Meeting of the National League

At the recent meeting of the National Baket Ball League the New York delegation present argued that close attention should be given to the three men in a scrimmage rule, and also asked that some provision be made in the rules for doing away with the practice some teams have, of constantly jockeying for time.

Mr. Smith of Trenton, N. J. gave it as his opinion that the game was becoming rougher, but this was explained by the fact that the teams are more evenly matched than before, and it is a known fact that where two almost equally strong teams meet in a sport as speedy as basket ball, there is bound to be a slight element of roughness, although not intentional. Much of the deliberate rough playing, which in spite of the intense rivalry existing between the clubs, is rare in national league matches, is done while the referee's back is turned, and to overcome this difficulty Mr. Makenweek suggested that an assistant official be placed in the cage to help the referee by keeping an eye open for rough work on the part of the players at one nd of the flor while the referee is following the ball and the men playing it at the other end. The suggestion was not adopted, however, as it is desired to keep all legislation on the floor in the hands of a single official.

The three men in a scrimmage rule came in for considerable discussion, and there was some talk of going back to the old method of penalizing the third man for merely touching the ball, but it was plain that his would result in annihilating the short hand to hand pass which several of the teams use to such telling advantage and besides the referee would be kept busy calling and the game delayed by the frequent offences. It was also proposed to legislate against the advantage which some teams get by having a good jumper get in scrimmages wherever possible by compelling the players to jump according to their positions, viz. center against center, and guard against forward, or by selecting as the jumpers the two men nearest the ball just before the actual scrimmage took place. It being the object of the league to place a high premium on clever, scientific play wherever possible the rule was allowed to stand as written.

To avoid the constant wasting of time by having the entire team file off the floor for instructions from coaches whenever a man is injured, a new clause is added to the playing rules barring any player but the one injured from leaving the cage during the game. In cases where the man is so badly hurt as to require assistance in leaving the floor he shall be assisted to the door by his team, where he is taken care of by the manager and substitutes. The referees were instructed to notify the players at the end of two minutes on delays, and then at the expiration of three minutes' limit to put the ball in play whether both teams were ready or not.

The P. A. C. and Father Scully's team of Cambridgeport come together tonight at Associate hall and a warm game is looked for. The P. A. C. will have its usual strong team on the floor and expects to land the victory.

All arrangements are now completed for the big P. A. C.-Burke game Christmas night at Associate hall. The biggest crowd of the season will undoubtedly be on hand to witness the finest game yet played in this city.

On the afternoon of January 6th second teams of the Burkes and P. A. C. will play their second game of the season at Associate hall. This hall is engaged for every Saturday night, so the teams had to select an afternoon. The game will be just as exciting, however, as though played at night.

MISS MACKENZIE

ACCEPTS AN ENGAGEMENT WITH A NEW COMPANY.

Miss Mary Gertrude Mackenzie, the popular young actress of this city has accepted a new engagement to support Miss Mary Sanders, formerly of the Castle Square stock company who is to make her debut as a star at the Tremont Theatre in Boston on January 22, 1900. Miss Mackenzie severed her connection with the Madam Janauschek company in the west to accept the position offered her by Manager Johnston. Her Lowell friends will be glad to hear of her success, and they will have an opportunity of seeing her in Little Nell and the Marchioness, a play founded upon Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop which is the production under preparation by the new company. The dramatic papers give Miss Mackenzie some flattering notices.

CORPORATION SOLD

TACK PROPERTY BROUGHT $200,900

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The property of the Atlas Tack corporation was offered for sale by public auction yesterday at Boston real estate exchange. The sale was made under the terms of the mortgage executed between the Atlas people and the State street trust company.

The only bid then offered was from K. I. Harrison of New York, and the property was knocked down to him at $200,900. It is understood that he was acting in behalf of H. H. Rogers of the Standard Oil company, who holds the bonds of the corporation.

BOXING GOSSIP.

George Gardiner, the clever Lowell middle weight, who returned to this city last Friday fresh from a victory at New York over Jack Moffatt of Chicago, wishes to state that if "Billo" Reagan, the middleweight boxer, now in this city, wants to meet him, he, Gardiner, will gladly arrange a bout with him. George said he heard Reagan made the remark that he would like to meet him and says it is now up to him to keep good his word. Gardiner says he will meet Reagan at any time or place and arrange a bout. It can be pulled off easily in Lynn.

Albert Griffith (Young Griffo,) who produced a sensation in the featherweight class about five years ago by his wonderfully clever style of boxing, met Terry McGovern, the present king-pin, for the first time at the latter's dressing room at a Chicago theatre the other evening. It did not take long for the two boxers to begin discussing matters. "How are you getting along?" started McGovern. "Very well," replied the Australian. "I had an awful time of it for a while though. Too much money brought on too many wine suppers, and I wouldn't work at all. But I am getting strong again, with boxing every day and I really think that I'll get my old speed again."

"Well, you ought to make lots of money if you behave yourself, Griff," replied the Brooklyn lad.

On the night of Dec. 23, before the members of the Chicago athletic association, Griffo will wind up his regular bi-weekly show going six rounds with some eastern boxer. Owen Zeigler, the Philadelphian is being talked of as the probable opponent of the Australian, but it more than likely that Zeigler is too heavy for Griffo in the latter's present condition. The 6-round contest will act as a sort of a try-out for Griffo and if he shows his old form he will immediately go to New York and challenge anybody at the lightweight limit. Sam Harris, McGovern's manager may look after the interests of the Australian.

GEORGE L. MOORE

WILL NOT BE AT HEAD OF MERRIMACK WOOLEN MILL.

While the Merrimack woolen mills at the Navy Yard will in all probability start the middle of January, George L. Moore, the North Chelmsford manufacturer, will not be connected with the company that is to manage the plant as was stated. He will have no connection whatever with the mill.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK

FELT IN THE OHEINGAU DISTRICT, GERMANY.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch from Berlin says: "Sharp earthquake shocks were felt about 8 o'clock yesterday (Tuesday) morning in the Oheingeau district, between Frankfort and Wiesbaden. The houses were shaken and the people rushed wildly into the open air. No loss of life is reported.

Have You Seen the Great Display of

CHRISTMAS GOODS

OF ALL KINDS AT

J. DRAIN'S NEW STORES, 83 to 89 Gorham St.

It is simply grand, everything is new, everything is lovely and everything is more than reasonable in prices. Why, the doll you can get at Drain's for 23c, down town they ask you 35c.

Drain Dolls for 49c, others ask 75c. Drain Dolls for 75c, others ask $1.50.

Drain Dolls for 98c, others ask $1.49.

Just see them, they are something elegant, all kinds, sleeping dolls for 25c, dressed in boxes.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 25c, kid body.

All kinds sleeping Dolls for 49c, kid body, worth 75c, and every price of a doll you can think of.

Handkerchiefs, all prices, largest line in city. See their window.

Jewelry pocketbooks, fancy toilet and miniature set of all kinds, silk and linen initial Handkerchiefs, 5c up to 49c, great values in white aprons. Our line is very much larger than ever before. Special value in very fine goods for 25c, 38c and 49c, worth at least 50 per cent. more than we ask.

HAVE YOU SEEN OUR GENT'S FURNISHING window loaded with Gent's fine neckwear of the very highest grade, thousands of different styles for 23c, others ask 38c for no better.

Almost 100 Dozen of the finest goods ever shipped into Lowell and in an endless variety of styles and colors we are selling for 47c. You can't match them in Lowell for less than 75c or 98c, think of what you are saving on this item alone. See our window.

To the people of Lowell and surrounding towns that have not seen our new store be sure you visit us now, every article in our store is a bargain, everything in our four large windows is lovely, everything you buy from us is right, if not we will make it right, fair, square dealing with the people has placed us where we are today, second to none in Lowell for giving the people great values. We buy for cash, we sell for cash, and we are the only one price Dry and Fancy Goods Store in Lowell.

J. DRAIN, 83 to 89 Gorhrm St.

CREDIT TO ALL

Useful Presents

WE ARE TRYING TO MAKE CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EASY AND COMFORTABLE FOR YOU AND OUR SPECIAL TERMS ARE BOUND TO MEET WITH HEARTY RESPONSE AT A TIME WHEN EVERYBODY IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A DOLLAR GO A LONG WAY.

PRACTICAL PEOPLE TURN ASIDE FROM THE TRIFLING NOTHING AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE EXTRAORDINARY INDUCEMENTS WE ARE MAKING TO ENCOURAGE THE BUYING OF USEFUL ARTICLES.

$ 5.00 worth of goods—	50c. down—	50c. week
10.00 " " "	75c. "	75c. "
15.00 " "	$1.00 "	$1.00 "
25.00 " " "	1.50 "	1.50 "

IS THERE A NICER AND MORE USEFUL PRESENT FOR YOUR HUSBAND AND BOY THAN AN OVERCOAT OR A SUIT? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT WILL PLEASE YOUR WIFE OR DAUGHTER BETTER THAN A STYLISH JACKET, A CAPE, A SKIRT, OR A TRIMMED HAT? IF YOU WANT ANY OF THESE GOODS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, SAY SO. YOU SHALL HAVE THEM AT ONCE. YOUR BILL WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL A LONG TIME AFTER THE HOLIDAYS. STORE OPEN EVERY NIGHT DURING CHRISTMAS WEEK.

Caesar Misch

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78 MIDDLESEX ST., LOWELL.

A. STRAUSS, Manager.

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BUTTER, EGGS, BEANS.

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Also at Manchester, N. H., Lawrence, Mass., Lynn, Mass.

TRADE MARK Fifty Cents Per Box Palmo Tablets

HEALTH, POWER, ENERGY.

stop forever all weakening drains, feed the brain, replace wasted tissues, and send rich, flesh-building blood bounding through every part of the system, making every organ act, and causing you to glow and tingle with newly found strength. You're a new man, and can feel it! The greatest NERVE TONIC ever discovered. Palmo Tablets cure quickly and forever Nervous Debility, Varicocele, Atrophy, Loss of Memory, Sleeplessness, Dyspepsia, Kidney Diseases. 50c. a box; 12 boxes (with guarantee, good as gold), $5.00. Sent anywhere. HALSID DRUG CO., Cleveland, O.

Sold at Goodale's Drug Store, the best and cheapest place in Lowell for drugs and medicines, 217 CENTRAL STREET.

SORE FEET

Caused by corns, bunions or callouses, quickly cured by using WAKEFIELD'S FIR BALSAM SALVE. Price, 25c.

Goodale's Drug Store, cor. Central and Jackson Streets

DAILY BARGAINS.

$100 UPRIGHT PIANO.

seven and one-third octaves. Used but little. Condition fine.

GEORGE A. GARDNER

20 PRESCOTT STREET.

The Easy Food
Easy to Buy,
Easy to Cook,
Easy to Eat,
Easy to Digest
Quaker Oats
At all grocers
in 2-lb. pkgs. only

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—One Caligraph, $15.00; in first class condition; one safe in good condition, 3x4, $15.00; one roll top desk, oak, nearly new, $15.00. Inquire at Donovan and Mansur, Room 1, 26 Central street, Lowell, Mass.

FOR SALE—Most complete line of bath cabinets in the world. One agent sold 1000 in four months. Irwin Co., 123 Chambers street, New York.

FOR SALE—Ten R. I. P. A. N. S. for five cents at druggists. One gives relief.

FOR SALE—On Cross street, good 7-room cottage house in good repair, large barn, lots of carriage room, concrete driveway, 4,000 feet of land, price only $2500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—On Bridge street, two tenement house, 7 rooms to each tenement, price $3500. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Gorham street, cottage house, good sized lot of land, price $950. On easy terms. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—A good place for the money, three miles from the city, 12 acres of land, 9 room-house, large barn, and hennery and sheds, this is a bargain, $1800. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good farm in N. H., 125 acres of land, fair buildings, 1 mile from depot, lots of wood and timber, price $700. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Good boarding house, very cheap. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

FOR SALE—Near Westford street, cottage house and barn, price $3000. G. L. Hubbard, 121 Central street.

MISCELLANEOUS.

WE are now ready for business, either in buying or selling house furnishing goods at No. 50 Charles street. New and second hand furniture store and our dealings both ways will be our best advertisement. There will be some one at all business hours to answer demands. E. O'Hoir, Attorney.

SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS—The most useful and desirable present is an Indelible Marker for Linen, or a Pocket Pencil Stamp. Price of each, complete, 25c. Family printing outfits, from 25c. to $2.00. Boys' handy printer, 25c. Every thing in the line of rubber stamps at wholesale prices. J. M. Fellows, 158 Merrimack street.

WATER CLOSETS and bath tubs from $5 up. All first class plumbing at lowest prices. J. H. Barry, 493 Market street.

LADIES—Chichester English Pennyroyal Pills (Diamond Brand) are the best, safe, reliable. Take no other. Send 4c in stamps for particulars, "Relief for Ladies," in letter by return mail. At druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

MONEY LOANED TO SALARIED PEOPLE AND RETAIL MERCHANTS, upon their own names, without security, easy payments. TOLMAN, room 10, Associate Building.

SPOT Cash and highest prices for secondhand furniture at 163 Merrimack street. Tel. 688-4.

We All Have Troubles

And to dispel them has been the life-study of many a philosopher. Born with a gift of foresight, combined with science enables MADAME NUGENT to clear the mist and fathom the mysterious surrounding all cases of business and matrimony with startling accuracy. She gives dates and names of absent friends; also advice on all business affairs. 332 Central street.

H-O-P-S viz H-O-P-S

Just received, 1,700 pounds of fresh, kiln-dried loose hops.

Good for Hop Beer.
Good for Hop Bread.
Good for Hop Pillows.
Good for Home Brewing

These hops are strictly first class high-grade goods, raised and cured this year, on specially prepared ground, for home use, by an expert hop grower. Place your order at once, as the amount is limited.

STILES & CO.,
Charles and Central Sts. Lowell.

The Latest and Best Sewing Machine is the

"SINGER"

Oak, Maple and Mahogany Wood Work. Sixteen Millions of these Machines have been sold.
Needles and Parts for all kinds of Machines.
Old Machines taken in exchange.

The Singer M'f'g. Co., 175 Middlesex Street.

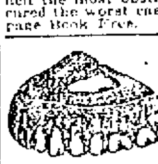
W. A. LEW, 49 John St.
CLOTHING CLEANED, DYED AND PRESSED

BLOOD POISON

Primary, Secondary or Tertiary Blood Poison Permanently Cured. You can be treated at home under same guaranty. If you have taken Mercury, Iodide Potash, and still have aches and pains, Mucus Patches in Mouth, Sore Throat, Pimples, Copper Colored Spots, Ulcers on any part of the body, Hair or Eyebrows falling out, write

COOK REMEDY CO.

1553 Masonic Temple, Chicago, Ill., for proofs of cures. Capital, $500,000. We solicit the most obstinate cases. We have cured the worst cases in 15 to 35 days. 100-page Book Free.



Fifteen, Twenty, and Twenty-Five Dollars are frequently paid for just the very same set of teeth that Dr. Simmons will make you for $8.00. Dr. Simmons, Dentist, 219 Central street.

The Passing of the Old Year

has proven to us that people, a good many of them, too, have appreciated our efforts to serve them with the best coal. If you have never tried us, you should at once. The New Year will be the happier for you for using it.

D. T. SULLIVAN,
Coal, Wood, Lime, Etc.
984 Gorham St.
Branch Office, 217 Central street.
Telephone 713-2

WANTED.

WANTED—A horse and team for its keeping. Best of care. Address 4 Gates street.

WANTED—Men to learn barber trade. Only eight weeks required. New system, constant practice daily, wages Saturdays, steady position when through, tools donated. Illustrated catalogue mailed free. Moler's Barber School, 2-3 Bowery, New York city.

STENOGRAPHER—Young lady wants position as stenographer and general office work; four years experience; references; understands double entry bookkeeping. Address A. E. L., 342 Westford street, Lowell.

WANTED—Stenographer (lady or gentleman) employed or not, having leisure hour or so, day or evening, can secure profitable employment. Address "Typewriting," Sun office.

WANTED—Policy holders in the covenant Mutual Life association, send your addresses to P. O. Box 503, Lowell, Mass.

WANTED—A neat little girl residing in Belvidere or vicinity to mind a baby daytime. Apply M, Sun Office.

WANTED—To purchase lodging house in Lowell for cash. Must be cheap. Address K, Sun Office.

WANTED—Old and young men to buy new hats and we clean free of charge for one year at Delorme's, 261 Middlesex street.

WANTED—Cooks, kitchen, girls; table girls, general housework girls. Free ride in our carriage. Dons, 158 Merrimack street, opposite Bon Marche.

WANTED—Old and young men to bring their old hats to Delorme, the hatter, the only hater in town where they make hats to order. 261 Middlesex street.

CALL AT GONZALES, the Cutler, 124 Gorham street, if you want a first-class razor or strap. He has the new Xavier razor which excels all others. Razors concaved and honed.

TO LET.

TO LET—Tenement of seven rooms at 141 East Merrimack street, $9 a month. Also a tenement of four rooms 103 High street, $7 per month. Inquire at 153 East Merrimack street.

TO LET—Cottage houses at Adams avenue, Pawtucketville. Rent $4. Keys at occupied cottage. William A. Read, 248 Liberty street.

TO LET—Some first-class tenements in all parts of the city. Apply to A. D. Beharrell, Room 8, Bon Marche Block.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST—A pocketbook containing a small sum of money, between Lavery's bakery on Broadway and Adams street. Return to 316 Broadway.

FOUND—Pocketbook containing sum of money. Inquire of B. Delaney, Middlesex street.

LOST—A plain gold ring. Return to Letter Carrier 13, Lowell Post Office and receive reward.

LOST—Dog, on Middlesex street, near Thorndike, a small black dog. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to corner Park and Andover streets.

FOUND—Saturday night in Music hall a pair of glasses. Owner can have same by calling at this office and paying charges.

LOST—Meerschaum pipe at corner of Fayette and Andover street. Dark red color and ornamented with silver trimming. Return to 31 Sycamore street and be rewarded.

JOHN W. McEVOY, 137 Central St.
Opposite American House.
COUNSELLOR-AT-LAW.

LOTHROP & CUNNINGHAM,
182 Merrimack street,
PHOTOGRAPHERS

J. M. KINGSBURY, No. 173 Bridge St.
MEATS AND PROVISIONS

LOOK OVER

Our Stock of
Christmas Goods
Diamonds, $12 to $300
Watches, $2.75 to $150

C. W. Durant,
Central and Middle Sts., Lowell.

AS AN INVESTMENT

DIAMONDS

ARE MOST EXCELLENT

They never deteriorate, wear out or fall in price. They can always be realized on immediately.

When you buy jewelry, buy diamonds. When you buy diamonds, come here. Then you'll be sure you get what you pay for and that you pay no more than you ought to.

GRANT'S

The Reliable Jeweller,
No. 64 Merrimack Street.

CHOICE

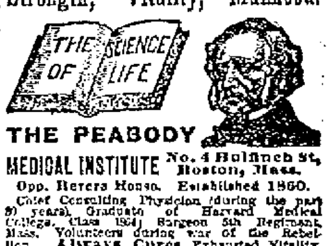
TABLE CUTLERY

FOR CHRISTMAS.

W. T. S. Bartlett

The Up-Town Hardware Store,
853 MERRIMACK STREET.

Strength, Vitality, Manhood.



THE PEABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE No. 4 Bulfinch St., Boston, Mass.
Opp. Revere House. Established 1860.

Chief Consulting Physician (during the past 30 years), Graduate of Harvard Medical College, Class 1864, Surgeon 5th Regiment, Mass. Volunteers during war of the Rebellion. Always Cures Exhausted Vitality, Nervous and Physical Debility, Premature Decline, Varicocele, Atrophy (wasting) and all Diseases and Weaknesses of Men from whatever cause arising, whether young, middle aged or old. Consultation in person or by letter from 9 to 6. Sundays 10 to 1. The Diagnostician, or Know Thyself Manual, a vade mecum of medical science, with unqualified endorsements and testimonials, price 50c., but sent free, sealed, to every male reader mentioning this paper and date, enclosing 6c. for postage. SEND NOW. Inviolable secrecy.

Peter J. Brady, Grocer.
NEW STORE:
Cor. Gorham and South Highland Streets
Choice Teas, Coffees, and Spices

Try our New Brands of Flour, the Best in the City, "The King Arthur," "Crown of Gold," and Banquet."

SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE SUN ON SALE IN BOSTON.

The five o'clock edition of The Sun is on sale at the news stand in the Union Station, Boston.

BANJOS, GUITARS AND MANDOLINS.

They are good Christmas presents. We carry a stock of personally selected instruments at low prices. W. B. Stratton, J. A. Handley, room 14, Hildreth, building, over Daily News office.

HOLIDAY TRADE.

Is booming with us on Toys, Dolls, Sleds and Chinaware. Get into the push for bargains. Dickson Bros., The Big Ten Dealers, 68 Merrimack street.

CHRISTMAS.

It is not too early to remind you that it is most time to get your orders in for Christmas and if you are going to have anything special, order at once as the market indications are that real good stock is going to be scarce. We have ordered heavily of the best growers and our supply will be the best ever had in Lowell. Nothing adds more to a happy home than a small vase of cut flowers. Floral designs of the latest patterns. Patten & Roberts, florists, 8 Merrimack square. Telephone 69-3.

LOCAL NEWS.

Try Horne's Coal.

BURN WILSON'S COAL.

Hot advertising—Stanley's Coal.

Have you had Pelham cigars?

Go to Devine's for trunks, 88 Mer'k.

Eyesight by absorption. Dr. Taylor.

Leather Toilet Traveling Cases, Devine's 88 Merrimack Street.

Elegant rubber-tired hacks at O'Donnell's. Telephone 394-4.

Globes, Fixtures, Lamps, etc. Sweeney & Welch, 262 Mid'x St. Tel. 638-5.

PLEASANT SOCIAL.

The Young People's society of High Street church held a very pleasant social in the vestery last evening, with a good attendance. The social was managed by Miss Josephine Ockington, who had planned games and other amusements for the entertainment of the guests. Refreshments were served from a daintily laid table, upon which branches of hemlock and red and green ribbons were prettily arranged. It was a pleasant affair and was enjoyed by a large audience.

PROBATE COURT.

Yesterday morning at the session of probate court held in this city, the following wills were presented for probate:

Frederick Crosby, Medford; Eugeline F. Ramsdell, Natick; James Sheehan, Newton; Edith L. M. Dickinson, Stephen Lynde, Billerica; Grace L. Getchell, Catherine Mccintyh, Lowell; Joslah H. Learned, Ashland; Charles A. Harriman, Framingham.

Administrations granted: Caroline E. Wedleigh, Katherine H. Maguire, Luther F. Davis, Somerville; James Coon, Watertown; Thomas F. Eagan, Framingham; Paulina R. Wilkins, Lexington; George E. Smith, Malden; Amelia Maguire, Daniel Keefe, John Sullivan, Cambridge; Charles L. Gill, Stoneham; Emma A. Russ, Arthur L. Clifford, Lowell, Almira S. Jones, Townsend.

Miss Kittie Smith of Glover, Vt., is visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. Thomas H. Husband, 28 Davis Square. Miss Smith will stay over the holidays in Lowell.

Syrup of Figs, 25c. Dows' Drug Store.

Dr. Colburn DENTIST 31 MERK ST.

STRIKE AVERTED

AT THE PARKER MILL OF FALL RIVER.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 20.—The threatened strike of the Parker mill has been averted by the treasurer's agreement to pay his weavers the full advance of 10 per cent. The trouble was caused by the posting of weaving schedules which showed an advance of less than 5 per cent. in many grades of work. Special general meetings of the various labor unions have been called for different evenings this week to consider the overtime nights and Saturday afternoons. Labor secretaries reported this afternoon that the Robinson, Chase, and a large portion of the machinery in the Granite No. 3 mills were not in operation last night. They assert that this is the beginning of the end of night running. The officials of the carders' union have received complaints from many mills to the effect that the advance granted this class of operatives ranges from three to five per cent. only.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

$5,000 TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONG EMPLOYES.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 20.—At the request of Senator M. A. Hanna, the Little Consolidated Street railroad, of which he is president, will distribute $5,000 among employes Saturday night as a Christmas gift. The senator in a telegram to the directors says he wants to show the company's appreciation of the manly course taken by its employes during the late strike on the Big Consolidated lines when they refused to go out.

THOS. S. MARTIN

RE-ELECTED SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 20.—U. S. Senator Thomas S. Martin was re-elected yesterday for the term beginning March 4, 1901, by both houses of the assembly acting separately. Today the two houses will meet in joint session to canvass the vote and declare the result.

In the senate all present except Mr. Dinwiddie, republican, voted for Mr. Martin. In the house of delegates, not a vote was cast in opposition to Mr. Martin.

MASS. DELEGATION

TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION ENGAGES QUARTERS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

BOSTON, Dec. 20.—The executive committee of the republican state committee has engaged quarters for the Massachusetts delegation to the national convention, Philadelphia at Hotel Stenton, corner of Broad and Spruce streets. The Walton, almost next adjoining the Stenton, will be the headquarters of the national committee and where the delegations from Maine, Connecticut, New York, Ohio, Michigan and probably Indiana and Illinois will be housed. The Massachusetts delegation is insured splendid accommodations during the convention.

The plan now is to have the Massachusetts delegation leave Boston on June 16, for Philadelphia.

Mr. Edwin Davis, blacksmith for George C. Moore, is the inventor of a trip-hammer which is adapted for all kinds of light work. It goes by electric power.

GENERAL BROOKE

Turns Over His Command to General Wood

PROCLAMATION ISSUED AT HAVANA

Some Good Advice to the People of Cuba

By Associated Press to The Sun.

HAVANA, Dec. 19.—General Brooke will issue tomorrow the following proclamation:

By direction of the president I hereby transfer to my successor, Major General Leonard Wood, the duties and responsibilities of the office of military governor, bespeaking for him that support and confidence which you have come to accord me. To those who have been associated with me in the performance of the difficult task of organizing and placing in operation the civil government of the island, I hereby tender this expression of appreciation and thanks for their loyal and patriotic support and assistance.

"A year ago I found the country most thoroughly devastated, its resources and commerce destroyed, and its rural population gathered into the cities without shelter and dying of starvation and exposure. The government of the United States immediately supplied food and work. In a short time these conditions passed away and now the country is rapidly pressing forward to a prosperity hitherto unknown in its history.

"Look about and see how true it is. The various steps that have led to the present condition are well known to you and need not be mentioned here. The change is truly marvellous. Without the semblance of civil government then you have now a complete organization. Your municipal and provincial governments are all in the hands of your own citizens. The military control is purely advisory and supervisory. Many of your laws have been modified and changed to suit the times in which you live, as well as the interests of good government. Your courts have been reorganized and are in proper order. Law and order rules.

By your own industry and by a careful observance of these conditions, the full restoration of your social affairs and prosperity is assured. With the feeling that the future is in your hands to make or to mar, and trusting that wise counsels may prevail among you, I say to you farewell."

GOV. PINGREE

DEMANDS RESIGNATION OF MILITARY OFFICIALS.

By Associated Press to The Sun.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 19.—A special from Lansing says:

Gov. Pingree today sent duplicate letters to adjutant-general Fred M. Case, Three Rivers, Quartermaster-General W. L. White, Grand Rapids and Inspector General Arthur S. Marsh, Allegan; comprising the state military board, asking for their resignations for the alleged irregularities said to have been discovered by the grand jury in their examination into the alleged sale of some $50,000 worth of military supplies by the board to the "Illinois Supply company," for $10,500.

Dennis T. Finnegan of Lawrence street is seriously ill with pneumonia.

OUR WEAK STOMACH DISORDERED LIVER Constipation and Malaria

IN MEN, WOMEN OR CHILDREN

Nothing so quick to take effect as

JOHNSON'S STOMACH TABLETS

They strengthen the Stomach, Stimulate the Liver, cure Constipation, and TONE UP THE ENTIRE SYSTEM. A new and perfect substitute for Liver Pills and Cathartics. None so good, and none so Cheap. Large Box (25 Tablets) 10 Cents. By mail for five 2-cent stamps. Made at

The Johnson Laboratories, Inc., Philadelphia.

For Sale by All Leading Druggists.

CATHOLIC PRAYER BOOKS.

A large assortment of prayer books, pearl rosaries, cases, sanctuary lamps, statues, pictures and many other religious articles suitable for a Christmas present at Murphy's, 15 Appleton street, opposite post-office. Picture framing done at low prices. New patterns.

USEFUL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Here Are a Few Suggestions for You to Ponder Over.

UMBRELLAS. UMBRELLAS.

Look at the Prices.

No more useful and sensible gift than a nice Umbrella. We are carrying a BIG STOCK this season.

Gents' Mercerized Natural Wood Handles, Sterling Silver Mounts, at only $1.49.

Gents' English Serge, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Mounts, only 98c, 26 or 28 inches.

Ladies' English Serge, Natural Wood Handles, Silver Mounts, only 98c.

Ladies' English Serge, Fancy Horn Handles, only 98c.

Ladies' Taffeta Silk, Natural Wood, Silver Mounts, $1.98, worth $2.50.

Ladies' Tape Border Taffeta, Horn and Pearl Handles, only $2.49.

Together with an endless variety of Ladies' and Gents' Silk Umbrellas in extra fine Handles from $2.00 to $6.00 each.

Napkins, all linen, at 63c, $1.25, $1.39, $1.50, $1.75, to $3.50 per dozen.

LINENS. LINENS.

Elegant White Hemstitched Towels, all linen, at 25c.

Elegant Fringed Towels, all linen, at 25c.

Hemstitched Tray Cloths, all linen, at 25c.

All White and Fancy Bordered Table Covers at $1.49, 2 1-2 yards long.

Bleached Damask Linen Sets only $2.19.

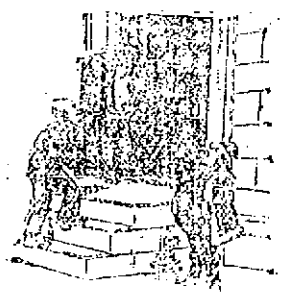
BLANKETS.

Extra all Wool Blankets, fancy borders, at $4.98 and up to $12.00 pair. (See window.)

Don't forget too, that we are selling Elegant Black and Colored Dress Goods and Handsome Plaids.

Cook, Taylor & Co.

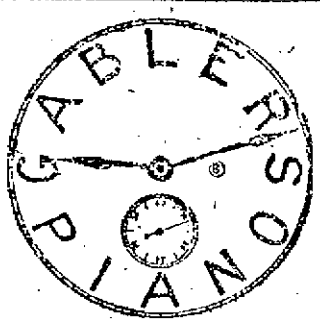
CENTRAL STREET STORE.



HAPPY HAPPENINGS

Christmas —AT— Steinert's

AT

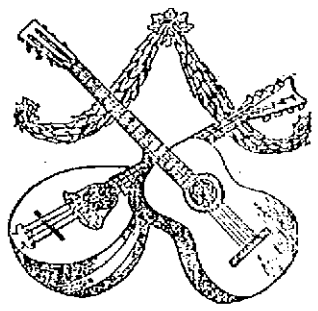


CHRISTMAS TIME.

Christmas shopping is never complete without visiting a music store. Months ago we anticipated the musical demands of Lowell. We are just loaded with Pianos, different makes, grades and prices. In this assortment you can be satisfied.

Steinway, Hardman, Gabler, Standard and Singer

INSTRUMENTS.



MUSIC BOXES.

The Regina, $7 upwards,
Music Rolls,
Violin, Guitar and Mandolin cases,
Music Stands,
Violins, Guitars, Banjos,
Mandolins, Accordeons,
All kinds of strings, etc. etc.

The Pianola

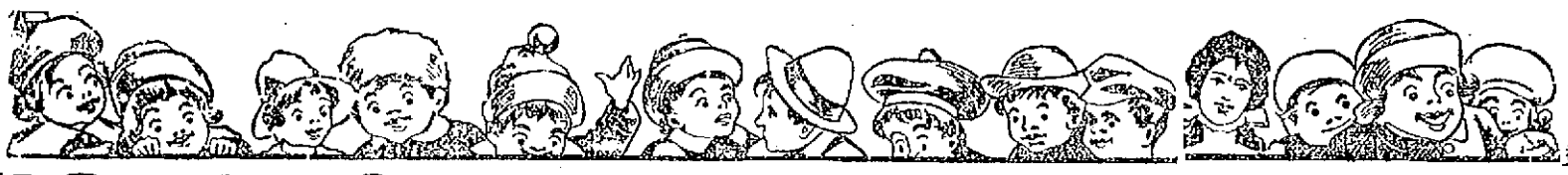
As a Christmas gift it means years of entertainment and education. Any member of the family can play it, and its refining influences cannot be overestimated.

PIANOLAS.

M. Steinert & Sons Co.

130 Merrimack Street. Operate 18 Stores. Established 40 Years.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING UNTIL XMAS.



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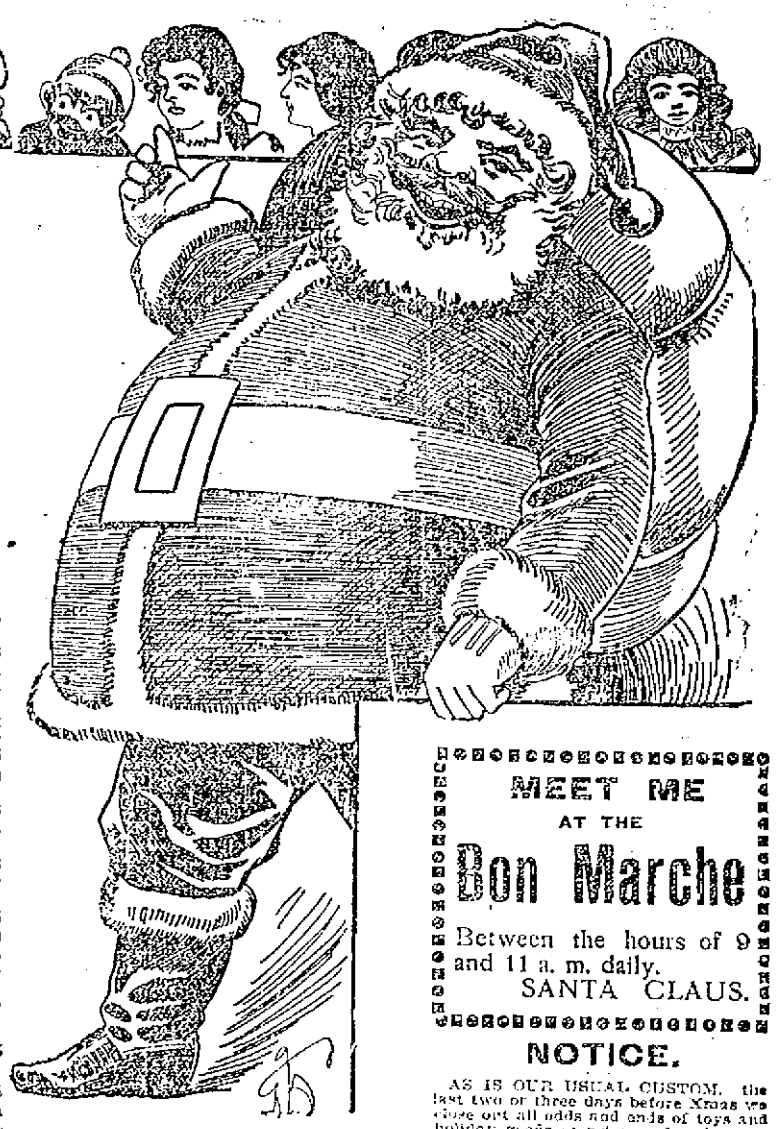


That we are headquarters for Toys, Dolls and Xmas Novelties. Now we want to talk on more staple lines, which make sensible gifts—such as BOOTS AND SHOES, Slippers, Leggings, Gaiters, Overshoes, Rubber Boots, Furs, Tea Gowns, Petticoats, Silk Waists, Cloaks, Umbrellas, Furniture, Blankets, Comforters, Men's Furnishings, Art Goods, Kid Gloves, Hosiery and Underwear, Infants' and Children's Wear, Handkerchiefs, Ladies' Neckwear, Mufflers, Leather Goods, Pictures, Easels, Chairs, Dress Patterns, Mackintoshes, White Skirts, Night Robes and Fine Underwear, Ribbons, Feather Boas and Neck Ruches, Jet Belts, Aprons, Knit Goods and many other things too numerous to mention. Following are a few good things for holiday trade.

SHOE DEPT.

We have not gone out of the shoe business. Nay, nay! We have a grander stock than ever before. Trade is good. We are happy and anxious to make you happy, too, by giving you good trades.

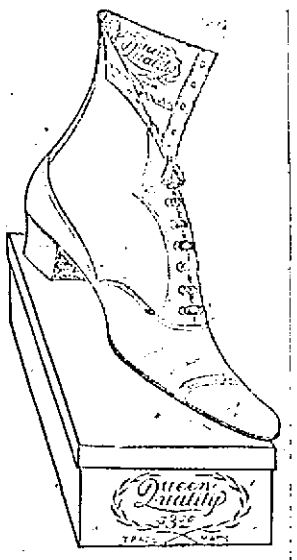
"Queen Quality" Shoes are made to fit the different types of feet. Are pretty to look at, delightful to wear. Sold only at our department.

$3 a pair

SLIPPERS.

They are going fast. A stack sold on Saturday, but have replenished stock this week. Ladies' slippers at $1.49 includes all the latest ideas in felts and leather, fur trimmed and opera shapes.

Ladies' Slippers at 98c embraces a large assortment of handsome goods in Romeos, Juliets, strap sandals, etc., fur trimmed, and otherwise. You may see these elsewhere at $1.25.



SOROSIS SHOES. The new shoes for women. Manish lasts in all styles, heavy, medium and light weight. Tan, brown, and black. Also Storm Shoes, cut 16 inches long, heavy soles. We are sole agents. All styles. One price

$3.50 pair

SLIPPERS.

Ladies' Slippers, 49c, include all kinds of house slippers, in felt and leather, plain operas, bow strap slippers, etc., at bargain.

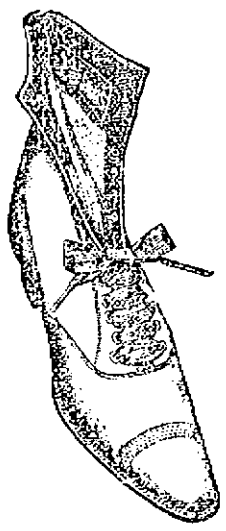
Men's Slippers at $1.49 takes in all the new ones, leather in all colors, new arts and trimmings, dainty yet comfortable. See the line.

Men's Slippers at 98c. Our popular sellers, 12 different styles to choose from. Leather in all shades. Made just like the higher grade goods and are bargains at the price.

NOW LISTEN! We have "bunched" i. e., condensed, several lines of velvet embroidered slippers into 2 lots to make a hurrah and close out with a shout, every pair by Saturday night.

Lot 1.—All slippers which were 98c and over to go now at per pair,

73 cents



Lot 2—All 89c and 73c Slippers to go at per pair

49 cents

Boys' and Girls' Slippers in the newest cut, all colors, etc., 49c to 98c. Pretty things.

Ladies' fleeced Leggings in all lengths, full or half button. Our price

$1.23

Misses' fleeced Jersey Leggings all lengths. Same as ladies' only

98 cents

Children's fleeced Jersey Leggings, full length. Our price

75 cents

Boys' Grain Leather Fauntleroy Leggings, in new tan shades, only

$1.25

Ladies' Gaiters (black only) in all lengths, 7 and 10 button, all prices, commencing at 19c and run up to $1.50. A big line.

Ladies' High Overshoes. New things, in button and buckle,

Button in best grade

$1.75

Buckle in best grade

$2.00

Boys' Rubber Boots in knee or Storm King pattern, and a few men's also. Get our prices before buying.

MEET ME AT THE Bon Marche

Between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m. daily.

SANTA CLAUS.

NOTICE.

AS IS OUR USUAL CUSTOM, the last two or three days before Xmas we close out all odds and ends of toys and holiday goods at prices reduced. Come in the forenoon and make your selections. The afternoons are crowded daily

APRONS.

A splendid assortment. Prices very reasonable.

Lawn Aprons, hamburg-trimmed, only 19c.

The new Bib Aprons trimmed with lace and hamburg. Choice 25 cents.

Fancy embroidered and insertion-trimmed Aprons, full flowing strings, 25c.

A fine lot of Afternoon Aprons prettily trimmed with lace and hamburg, insertion and ruffles, only 49c.

Fancy Holiday Aprons with ribbon, lace, and Swiss edge trimmings. Handsome goods, 75c.

Special lot of Bib Aprons with hamburg over shoulder, long aprons with 9-inch hem, only 65c.

Other lines extra fine Aprons at 98c, and $1.25. See them sure!

FEATHER BOAS, NECK RUCHES.

See our Ostrich Feather Boas at $1.98 full 36-inch long

A better one, more full in feather, with brilliant lustre for $2.98, a yard long.

Elaborate Boas at $9, $12 and $15.

Neck Ruches Black Liberty Silk, full ruche, with Shell ends, only $3.49.

Handsome Silk Neck Ruches, full with handsome ends, $3.75 and $5.00 each.

JET BELTS.

A very stylish article these days. We have a grand assortment at 49c, 89c, 98c, and 98c each. See the new bodice effects with jet fringe in black, steel and pearl. $1.75, $2.49, and $2.97.

These are found at our dress trimming department.

HANDKERCHIEFS

Initialed Handkerchiefs for ladies and gents. A big line at 12 1-2c to 49c. Come quick before your initials are gone.

Mercerized Handkerchiefs look like silk, wear better, in pink, blue, linen color, white and cream. Our price, 15c.

Ladies' embroidered Mexican and H. S. Handkerchiefs, big values at 12 1-2c.

Have you seen our "Big Thing" on the elephant in the window. Handkerchiefs lace trimmed, H. S., embroidered, scallops embroidered, footing trimmed, etc., etc., at 15c.

Handkerchiefs, handkerchiefs, all the way from 2c to $2.49 each. Plain Linen H. S. Handkerchiefs with 1-2 and 1 inch hem all prices from 5c to 49c.

GLOVES and MITTENS.

Kid Gloves, a serviceable gift 89c In two-clasp with heavy fancy back All shades.

Fur top Gloves and Mittens for ladies, misses and children, 49c, 69c and 75c, etc.

Silk Mittens, double with fleece lining satin bow and cord only 49c pair.

Cashmere and fleece lined Gloves 12 1-2c to 49c pair.

The Bon Marche Dry Goods Co.